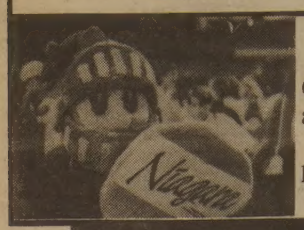

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October Plan starting

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

The October Plan, described as a "second opportunity" for students to succeed at Niagara College will start next week, said Brian Keppy, the new co-ordinator of the General Education Division.

The new plan is aimed at helping students who are disillusioned with college life, providing them with the necessary skills they need to continue.

"We need to provide the students with a second chance before they become totally jaded and pessimistic," Keppy said in a faculty memo issued this week.

Along with language and math skills, the Master Student course is offered. The course, part of the General College Program, teaches skills in reading, tests, time management, note-taking, memory and health.

The October Plan will be modified for each student, Keppy said.

"Students identified as potential candidates will be encouraged to drop those courses within which they are highly likely to experience failure," he said.

In place of the courses they withdraw from, students will take a section of the Master Student course and any additional courses in language or math skills which are necessary.

Students will not be forced into the program nor will they lose their Ontario Student Assistance funding.

"The purpose is to provide them with a viable opportunity and allow them to freely choose their options," he said

The October Plan will accept 15 students. The recruitment drive for participants will begin Oct. 13. Questions may be directed to Brian Keppy, S210F, Ext. 7742.

Berketo resigns!

— See story on page 8

Morgentaler coming to college

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Security is expected to be tight when controversial Dr. Henry Morgentaler visits Niagara College Nov. 3.

Morgentaler will speak at the Black Walnut Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Morgentaler is expected to tell college staff, students and the public, his views about world affairs and women's rights, stressing his stand on abortion and why he started performing them.

A press conference is scheduled at 4 p.m., on Nov. 3, and Morgentaler will answer questions from the audience for half-an-hour after his presentation.

Meanwhile, Nancy Grimmnick, Student Administrative Council's vice-president internal, said "security for Morgentaler will be tight."

Grimmnick said SAC will hire five, off-duty, Niagara Regional Police officers to keep the peace, adding "security was the main concern of college officials, with such a controversial figure coming to the college."

"Safety for the event is important," said Carol Boettcher, Niagara College's vice-president student life and human resources.

Costs for Morgentaler's visit total $6,400 to date. Boettcher expressed concerns about the cost, and the effect it might have on SAC's budget, but said "I think it's a good idea for SAC to diversify the things it has available for students."

President John Saso said he hopes the event is used as a forum for education rather than as an opportunity to create a disruption.

Grimmnick plans to have Beverley Hadland, of the group Straight Talk, who travels the country lecturing students about everything from drug abuse to abortion. Grimmnick said she talked to Hadland, and Hadland will directly address Morentaler's issues.

Morgentaler, a survivor of the Nazi extermination camp at Auschwitz, gained notoriety around the world for his controversial abortion clinics throughout Canada, and his outspokeness about abortion and women's issues.

He most recently received national headlines after fire gutted his Toronto abortion clinic last May, causing $500,000 damage. The fire bombing was the first serious incident of sabatoge at a Canadian abortion clinic. Morgentaler accused pro-life organizations. However, anti-abortion groups denied the incident, and denounced the use of violence against Morgentaler.

Meanwhile, Grimmnick asked Niagara College Law and Security instructor Heather Hodgson, to supply security for Morgentaler. Hodgson has declined saying she would not want to risk getting one of her students injured.

"I have very strong reservations because of the potential for danger to my students with Morgentaler," she said.

Hodgson said "they (pro-life) have a renegade squad that bops all over the country causing problems wherever he (Morgentaler) goes."

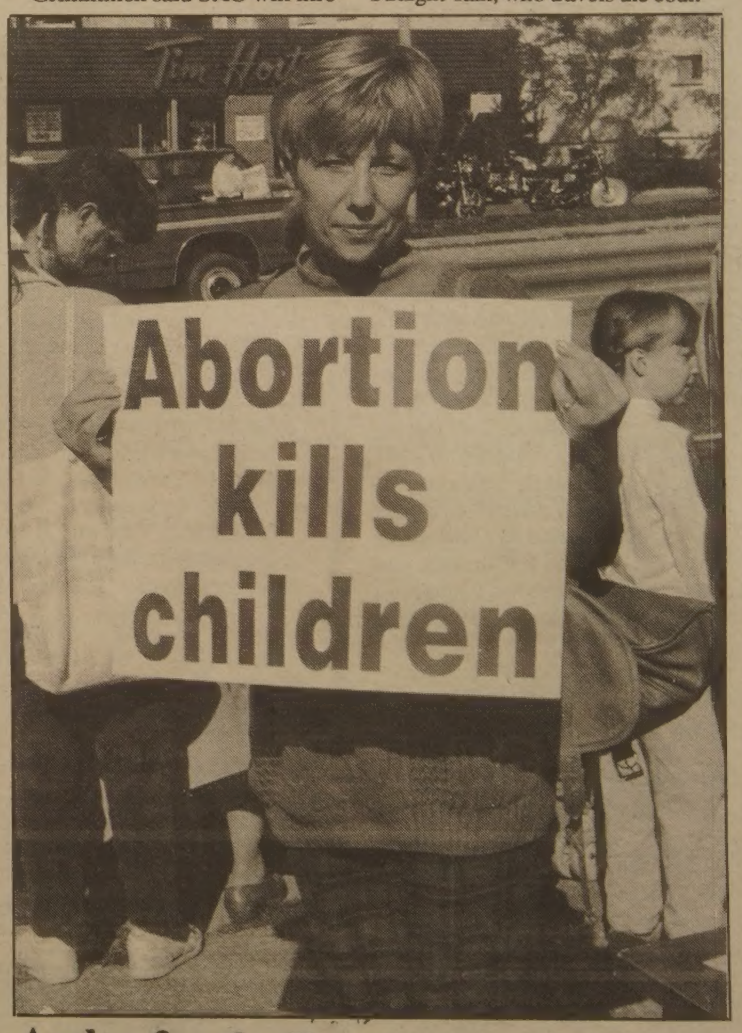
"It is not fair to put them (students) at risk, when they're not old enough or experienced enough to realize the potential for risk."

John Muggeridge, founder of the Niagara Regional Right to Life Association, and an instructor at the college, said he is "very disappointed" the college is allowing Morgentaler to speak here, but "if a bunch of students want to bring him here" he will not speak out in protest. However, he does plan to picket the event.

"You're going turn the college into the Oprah Winfrey Show," said Steve Berketo, SAC vice-president social affairs. Berketo said the public should not be allowed to attend SAC-sponsored events.

Grimmnick said "everyone thought I was crazy getting someone that controversial into the college, but I think it will bring information, and a new awareness into the college."

Tickets are available at the SAC office in After Hours and Hennepin Hall. Cost is $10.



A plea for the lives

Lynn Solomon, of Thorold, Ont., was among thousands of anti-abortionists demonstrating in Niagara Falls, Ont. last Sunday. See story page 11. Photo by Karen Kranjac

We're tackling crime

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Niagara College has set January as a target date to launch the first Ontario community college unit of Crime Stoppers.

To date, there are no units of Crime Stoppers at any Ontario college.

Law and Security program instructor Heather Hodgson, who is co-ordinating the effort, said Niagara College Crime Stoppers Inc. would be set up under the umbrella of the Niagara Regional Police Unit of Crime Stoppers.

Mark Sargeson, co-ordinator of Niagara Regional Crime Stoppers, said "there is a great possibility the Niagara unit will get off the ground by January."

He said the program would be "slightly different from the successful programs" being operated at Welland area high schools, citing the college would operate a program aimed at preventing crime as opposed to an enforcement program.

Meanwhile, Hodgson said she is trying to promote awareness around the college of what Crime Stoppers is about.

Crime Stoppers, which originated in New Mexico in 1976, is a community partnership program involving police, media and private citizens, promoting heightened crime awareness, and possibly prosecution of the accused.

A cash reward of up to $200 could be available for information leading to an arrest.

Hodgson said there is no crime problem at the college, but added she doesn't want there to be one.

"It's just a preventative step. It's also a real deterrent, and it's the next logical step from having the Campus Watch. You have students more aware and more alert, now let's have it set up so they can have

See CRIMESTOPPERS page 2.

Keppy named new co-ordinator

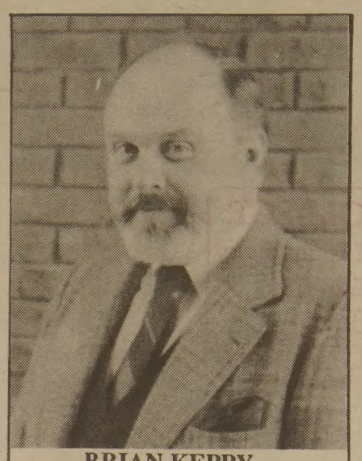
By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Brian Keppy, a Niagara College instructor, became the new co-ordinator of the General Education Division Oct. 1.

His responsibilites include the Academic Studies Department, the Master Student course and the new October Plan set to begin Oct. 13.

Having taught at the college for almost 20 years, Keppy says he's ready for a new challenge.

"I've dealt with enough complicated history, philosophy and fine arts courses that I've sort of satisfied my intellectual challenge."



BRIAN KEPPY

Another responsibility Keppy takes over is students' success. He will try to develop ways to overcome problems of failure.

"I've discovered that the students are less able to cope with the process than they are with the content of the product," he said.

"And they're failing not because of the content — but because of their inability to deal with it."

Keppy teaches politics, philosophy, modern history and western civilization. His future course outline has not been finalized.

More than 5,000 Ontario college students gather on the field at SkyDome for a party after the Toronto Blue Jays clinched their fourth American league Eastern Division title.

Photo by Troy Clarke

23 colleges celebrate at SkyDome

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Representatives from all 23 colleges celebrated Ontario Community College Day at Toronto's SkyDome last Saturday, and witnessed history in the making. The event celebrated 25 years of postsecondary college education in the province.

The Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Detroit Tigers 3-1 to clinch the American League East baseball division title, while 5,000 students, faculty and friends from the various colleges watched from the stands.

After the game, the 5,000 fans were allowed on the playing surface for a party. The fans toured the dugout and clubhouse areas and were treated to drinks, birthday cake and speeches, although no players attended the party.

More than 200 people, mainly college personnel, represented Niagara College at the event.

Randy Conlon, media-liaison for the college, who organized the trip with Cathy Weir of the media department, said the game was excellent.

"We couldn't have been luckier, we purchased these tickets last December."

He said the trip was "great for the fans, because 99 per cent of them have never been on a baseball field before."

Glenn Heshka, an employee in the college's media department, said he is not a baseball fan, but it was a nice day and he wanted to spend time with other staff members.

Prior to the party, thrilled fans watched the Blue Jays capture their second straight title in two years, their fourth in the last eight years.

Juan Guzman pitched eight solid innings, before handing the ball over to Tom Henke, who almost blew the save, but Duane Ward came in to put out the fire, forcing Dan Gladden to pop up to John Olerud to record the final out.

Chris Trump, executive director of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, said there was "no way we could have planned for the day to turn out the way it did."

Centennial College President Cathy Henderson, who threw out the first pitch, called the event "a great success."

First college unit of Crime Stoppers slated

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some place to call and report on people."

Hodgson said people are willing to report on others who are breaking the law, but they might be afraid of the "bad guy."

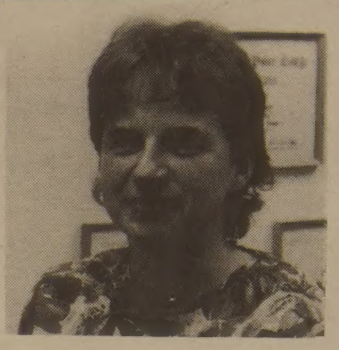
"This gives them (students) a safe haven."

She said Crime Stoppers will make the college safety conscious. "Those are the kinds of things I'd check before my kids went here."

She already has students from the Law and Security Administration program interested in joining the effort.

Hodgson said Crime Stoppers could be "successfully handled" by the LASA program. However, she added this should not prevent interested staff and students from other programs from becoming involved. She said she wants people with "dedication and drive."

Kiss the Flame



The 'Hurting' checklist

By HEATHER HODGSON
Special to Niagara News

DO I HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?

Now for your first challenge . . . Are you prepared to be honest and look at your situation, the situation of friends, family members? Consider the following . . .

Just who is at risk? Studies show that children of alcoholics stand up to a 50 per cent greater risk of becoming alcoholics than the rest of the population. There is a predisposition to alcoholism. It is now known that both chemical makeup and environmental factors contribute to alcoholism. Knowing this can help to build a healthy lifestyle.

The Hollywood image of the alcoholic doesn't portray reality. In fact, some people have drinking problems but would not be classified as alcoholics.

Perhaps the best approach to weighing the issues would be to ask: "Is your drinking hurting anyone . . . including yourself?"

Some of the checklist items could include

1. FINANCES — Does your budget get eaten up by buying rounds of drinks at the pub, or "party supplies"?

2. STUDIES — College offers all sorts of new experiences. One is freedom to choose when and how to do your work, schedule your priorities. Do you feel that studies are getting in the way of your drinking time? Does class time interfere with your pub time? Perhaps your priorities should be reshaped.

3. SEX — Have your sexual habits changed when under the influence of alcohol (or other drugs). Remember, alcohol is a drug that reduces inhibition, be sure that you take all precautions. Safe sex involves more than birth control, it prevents the spread of diseases such as acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

4. WORK — If you have a job, are you partying to the point that you are under the influence when you report for work?

5. RELATIONSHIPS — Do you find that friendships are getting strained by your drinking?

6. DRIVING — How much is too much? Once you've started drinking, you really aren't in a position to make a decision about driving. Have you considered making plans for a designated driver or to stay over BEFORE YOU GO OUT?

All it takes is a little common sense, and knowing when and where to get help if you need it. For more information, our counselling offices can offer a variety of pamphlets and access to other community resources.

Ready for the next challenge?

You have ability. You have a great deal of knowledge and energy. Perhaps some of you even have experience. Are you ready to be part of Kiss the Flame?

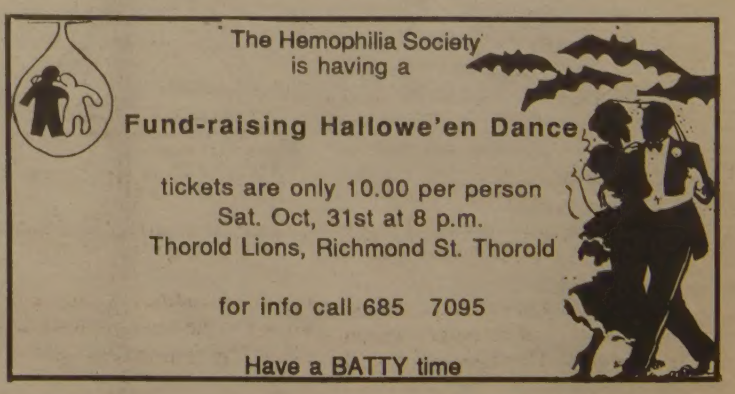
Drug Awareness Week is Nov. 15-21. Your college has planned some exciting activities that will be highlighted in this column and will be explored in detail by *Niagara News*. The idea of Drug Awareness Week across Canada is to use this week to focus activity on specific issues, to get attention. It is intended as a spring board for year round involvement.

Why not share your ability, knowledge, energy and enthusiasm? There's no excuse anymore to feel that no one ever listens to you. Kiss the Flame is waiting, willing and eager to have you on board. Whether you were involved in Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, any of its sister organizations or just kept your great ideas to yourself in the past . . . now is the time to accept the challenge.

Interested? Contact Heather Hodgson, Law and Security Administration, Ext. 7682 or drop me a note in M7. We'd love to have you as part of Kiss the Flame.

NEXT ISSUE: GETTING STARTED.

Heather Hodgson is a professor in the Law and Security Administration program at Niagara College.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Have a BATTY time

TV students reign over festival parade

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

There was no power to run the cameras. The coffee was late; the milk ran out. The parade was late. And then it was early. And it rained.

Despite having to overcome several unforeseen obstacles, Niagara College's third-year television broadcasting students kept their energy and spirits high during their annual live broadcast of the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival Parade Sept. 26.

Cameraman Troy Van den braak takes direction from Andy Mayer via headphones during the television students' live broadcast of the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival Parade Sept. 26.
Photo by Jacquie Butler

Commentators Dan Sullivan, (left), and Kim MacDonald smile for the cameras despite the rain and cold weather that prevailed during the college's 21st annual broadcast of the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival Parade.

Photo by Jacquie Butler

More than 20 dedicated students arrived at Market Square in St. Catharines at 7 a.m. Saturday with two things on their minds: setting up and breakfast.

Roberta Romano, 23, student producer of this year's broadcast, arrived with shouts of, "You want food? Do you? I have food!" These were obviously the magic words. Barricades blocking the production area from the street were lifted. Romano was rushed in, and her car was immediately pillaged. Ken MacEachern, 26, emerged from Romano's car with five boxes of doughnuts, a frown, and a question. "Where's the coffee?"

Two hours before air time, it became apparent there was something wrong. Andy Mayer, 21, student director, summed the problem up. "Everything's going great, except we've got no power."

Attempts to plug equipment into the city hall building on Church Street had resulted in a power outage. An hour before air time, Niagara's technical advisers, Dan Braun, a Niagara graduate, and Bill Taylor, an instructor, along with a St. Catharines city engineer, were dashing through city hall in search of the right electrical breaker to throw.

Two second-year broadcasting students, there to work security, were sent to buy more milk for the coffee, which had arrived during the melee and become the centre of the shoot.

To the TV crew's relief, the technicians found the breaker, and power was restored with an hour to spare.

"Time is running out, but everything is under control now," Romano said, looking relieved.

Sandrine Isabelle and Nyree Balbanian returned with the milk, received with cheers and applause by the crew.

In the mobile van, Mayer was giving last minute instructions to the commentators. He asked them to improvise five minutes of filler material, since they were to broadcast live at 11 a.m. and the floats would not arrive until 11:20 a.m. "Let's just hope it doesn't rain," he said jokingly.

The floats arrived at 11 a.m. sharp. And it rained.

"Ready to fade to black." Mayer's words broke the sombre mood that had descended as the van crew pulled together the two-hour live broadcast, switching camera angles and filling spaces in the parade with pre-taped segments. The screen went dark, bringing a collective sigh from the group.

"Everybody did a great job," Mayer said, laughing. "Thanks, guys." This prompted a self-congratulatory cheer from the crew.

Outside, on the puddled sidewalk, Romano supervised the dismantling of the equipment. "That was our goal," she said, commenting on the successful broadcast. "To get the job done and have fun too."

Within minutes, the set and equipment were packed away, and the crew was gone.

Headed for Smart Alex for the after-shoot party, Romano paused to answer one more question. Would the success of this broadcast, despite all its obstacles, make the next one less frightening? "No," she said immediately. "No, no, no!"

96% approve three-year deal

Contract vote marks new beginning

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Niagara College faculty voted overwhelmingly to accept a new three-year contract.

Ninety-eight per cent of those who voted at Niagara College did so in favor of the contract that will increase wages 4.3 per cent in the second year, and two per cent in the final year.

Ninety-six per cent of Ontario's 8,300 community college faculty members approved the contract.

The contract also calls for a task force to be organized and examine the allocation of resources within the college. The task force will report its findings during negotiations for the next contract settlement. The contract also allows for cost-of-living increases.

Ontario Public Service Employees Union

Joan Hastings-Dove, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees union local 242 at the college, said college faculty salaries have been traditionally behind those of both elementary and high school teachers.

"This is the beginning of a catch-up, but we haven't gotten there yet. There is a letter of understanding in this contract that this will be continued in the next round of bargaining so that we do eventually catch-up over a period of time."

Hastings-Dove said faculty has been assured by college administrators there will be no layoffs.

Jason, Sara and Kate have just made an important discovery.

From out of the millennia, a simple crystal formation is sparking a new generation of interest. It's the start of a wonderful adventure — the discovery of the excitement of science.

It's a significant moment. Now more than ever, science and technology are essential to our businesses, industries, , and way of life. To ensure our continued future well-being at home and in the world marketplace, we need to encourage and support our future scientists.

Last year, Shell donated over one million dollars to fund scholarships, science fairs and scientific organizations across Canada. It's one way we're helping to encourage the development of science and technology — and build a strong future for our country.

Shell helps!

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

SAC brings Morgentaler

Hats off to Nancy Grimmnick and the Niagara College Student Administrative Council.

To Nancy, for the excellent idea of bringing Dr. Henry Morgentaler to the college, and the rest of SAC for approving it.

It doesn't matter which side of this issue you stand on, you have to respect SAC's decision, for if something should go wrong Nov. 3, and it's not totally out of the realm of possibility, the responsibility will hang over SAC's head for some time.

Dr. Morgentaler is no stranger to violent reactions, resulting directly from his beliefs and his actions.

Do you remember what happened last May? Morgentaler's Toronto abortion clinic was fire-bombed. People from around the world come to Morgentaler's clinics and lectures, both in support, and opposition.

It is hoped nothing will happen. But just taking that chance shows Niagara College is in tune with the rest of the world.

It took a lot of heart, on Nancy's part, to shepherd this idea through President John Saso, and the rest of the administrators who run this college, because these officials taking care of our educational needs are in touch with what is happening beyond these walls. You can be sure they are aware of the risks involved in having such a controversial figure speak here.

This will finally put Niagara College on the map, so to speak.

Our own community, as well as others around Ontario, and Canada, will view Niagara College as an educational institution in tune with the concerns of our generation.

Troy Clarke

Governments apathetic

Ignoring the pleas of a concerned community has ended in tragedy. Whether the problem is as simple as dangerous roadway intersections or as complicated as unsafe flying procedures, the federal government is prepared to roll its eyes and attribute serious complaints to overreacting citizens.

Last week's collision of sight-seeing helicopters over Niagara Falls, Ont., killing four people, didn't surprise area residents. They have been lobbying through petitions and newspaper editorials for over a year to ban, or at least control, helicopter traffic over their homes near the falls. Despite these concerns, officials at all levels of government were slow to respond.

Now, the importance of investigating the consequences of heavy air traffic over the falls is topping the priority list; the result of a system that appears to need fatalities to kick-start legislative action.

How many times must tragedies like this occur before local, provincial, and federal governments take a serious interest in the concerns of the people they represent? Is it so far-fetched to hold that the people who live within a community know best what is happening there?

While it is true that MP Rob Nicholson introduced a private member's bill in Parliament two weeks ago regarding the overcrowded air space, it is a proposal that came too late.

The time has come to act before another tragedy strikes. No more pathetic apologies and overdue solutions can be accepted.

Sadly, it has taken the loss of four lives before the federal government and Transport Canada seems prepared to move on the issue of air safety over Niagara Falls.

Too little too late comes to mind.

Karla Schindel

Letters

Thanks for sensitive words

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for Darius Sokal's Viewpoint (Niagara News, Sept. 25, 1992) on racism.

Mr. Sokal's insightful and sensitive writing reminds the college community that our foreign students and immigrant students need our support, not ridicule.

In fairness to the majority of college students, I must say that my classes have always been friendly to me in spite of my accent.

(I) enjoyed reading the whole issue of Niagara News. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,
Gordon Chen
Professor
Technology

Do not vote in referendum

Dear Editor:

Politicians in Canada seem to be more concerned with the referendum than finding an answer for Canada's economic problems.

Our government has budgeted millions of dollars to both sides of this issue, when thousands of Canadians are out of work due to this recession. Would this money not serve Canada better if it were spent on more important issues?

Is the referendum so important, especially now in a recession, that it has to be the focus of our country's leaders? Did we elect these people to concern themselves with such an absurd and preposterous proposal, such as the independence of Quebec? Perhaps in Quebec, but not in the other nine provinces.

So why is Parliament giving this so much attention?

The economic situation in Canada is the worst it has been in over 40 years. Canadian economics should be the only topic on the political agenda right now, not those spoiled brats in Quebec. Send them to their rooms without supper, and get some work done.

Let's commit our political resources to finding a solution to what really plagues our country, *a stagnant economy.*

Our House of Commons should be spending its time finding new and larger markets for Canadian products, helping our factories so that they don't lay off another 3,000 workers, or 800, or even one. They should be encouraging companies like MacDonald Douglas and General Motors to build in Canada, not walk away from Canada. They should inspire new investors such as Toyota and Saturn to invest in Canada, and of course, they should take care of our homeless, our hungry, and our jobless, our about-to-be jobless.

"My Canada includes Quebec." Of course it does. This should never have become a national debate. Do you know of any other Canada? Who are these yellow-bellied Charlottetown strategists that allowed Quebec to gain this much control?

Voting on the referendum on Oct. 26 is the worst thing that the people of this country can do. By voting, you will send a message to the politicians in Quebec, that we as a nation will submit to their blackmail. You will give credence to a treacherous political movement.

Let's put a stop to this revolution right now!

Don't Vote! . . . Don't Vote! . . . Don't Vote!

Quebec already receives enough favoritism from our present administration. This deal gives them more control, and that won't be enough. This is only a stepping stone for Robert Bourassa. He and his seditious party will want more. Bourassa said it himself.

Send a message to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and all the politicians in Ottawa that we do not approve of any deal with Quebec. They are one of the four original provinces that signed the Confederation treaty in 1867, which made Canada. They have been Canadian for 125 years. If they don't like that, tough. There is nothing here to negotiate. For them to separate now, would be treason!

Register but on Oct. 26, Don't Vote!

"Vive-le-Canada, Libre."

Elie BenDavid
First-year Journalism-Print

Value of educating people

Dear Editor:

With regards to the column entitled "Key to the future" by staff writer Stuart Krick (Niagara News, Sept. 25, 1992) I offer the following Chinese Proverb.

Harvest for the Future

If you give a man a fish, he will have a meal.
If you teach him to fish, he will have a living.

If you are thinking one year ahead, sow seed.
If you are thinking 10 years ahead, plant a tree.
If you are thinking 100 years ahead, educate the people.

By sowing seed, you will harvest once.

By planting a tree, you will harvest ten-fold.

By educating the people, you will harvest a hundred-fold.

Kuan-tsu
Chinese Sage

The article raised a number of valid points about the value of educating the people. Well said Mr. Krick.

Carl L. Jones
E.R.S.N. program

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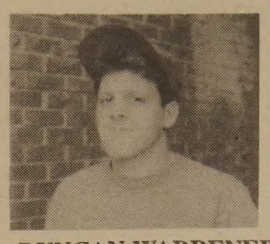


By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

I was truly sickened by the behavior of people viewing the site of the helicopter crash in Niagara Falls, Ont. Sept. 29. Four people died when a Canadian and an American helicopter collided. The Canadian helicopter landed safely, the other crashed at the base of a hill.

Bystanders had the mentality of spectators at a championship sporting event. Only the presence of police kept the drooling crowd back from the carnage.

I would not have been surprised if a vendor had showed up to peddle peanuts, popcorn, and film to fuel the camera-toting crowd. It seemed ironic in a macabre way that this tragedy happened in one of the top tourist areas in the world. Good for business? Perhaps.

Nothing to do on a Tuesday night? Hey guys, let's go down and watch them peel bodies out of the helicopter. It'll be better than television.

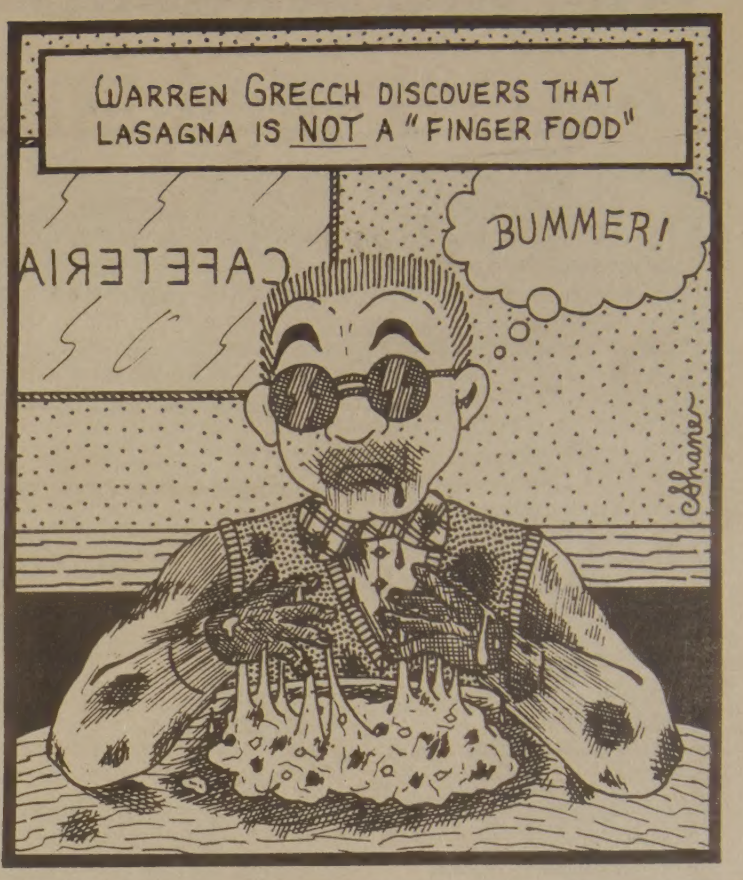
Am I exaggerating? After seeing more than a hundred individuals jostling for a better look at the crash site I tend to wonder.

Curiousity is a natural human reaction. Hovering around the dead hoping to view their broken bodies is not.

I realize that the deaths were extremely violent, attracting more attention than most accidents, but does this justify the feeding frenzy of almost eager viewer excitement?

How do we, as an intelligent society, get this ambulance chaser mindset? Is it a holdover from primitive times?

Perhaps we have become too desensitized to violence and gore from television and movies. Do we see death merely as entertainment? Why watch the news when we can hop in the car and go see the real thing, live and unedited?



Discrimination in the repair world

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

Waiting, but not just waiting. Once again I am paying for car repairs I'm not sure I either wanted or needed. This time, the train of thought goes, I'll do it right. Right to the dealer for proper car parts and friendly service. NOT.

When going to the car dealer, my father always said, save your money. Go somewhere else. But, me in my infinite wisdom, thought,"How can this be; he must be wrong." Guess what? Yes you guessed it, he was right.

The service department opens at 8 a.m. which is great. No missed classes. Wow, they were even open until 9 p.m. should I choose to go after dinner. No missed dinner. There's a thought, service that is actually available when consumers can take advantage of it.

So, it's 8 a.m. and without my morning coffee I'm not feeling like the friendliest person. But — the car is only a few months old — to me (the car is actually nine years old) so I'm still in that stage where everything gets done at the proper time. You know, oil change every 6,000 km, brake inspection every 12,000 km, tires rotated, timing belts replaced and a host of other things that mean absolutely nothing to me except that it means 'Betsy' runs for the winter with no problem.

This all crosses my mind as I move up a space in line toward the counter. The next thing that occurs to me, as I eavesdrop on what the serviceman is saying to the woman in front of me, is that females always seem to spend more. Now maybe it's me but that woman just paid $171.98 for a tune-up and the next guy didn't pay a thing for whatever he had done.

Now it's my turn. Sorry ma'am we can't replace the centre pipe of your muffler even though it's leaking because it is not our brand already in there. Why did I get up early and wait in line 20 minutes, just to be told that it will run into a lot of money if the whole system gets replaced.

I'd like to know why he didn't ask me if I wanted the whole thing replaced instead of doing it in pieces as the old one falls apart. The serviceman just assumed I would do it his way. Well it's just one more occasion to call on a male friend to get the job done for me.

Funny, when he took the car in, it was no problem. One more thing to chalk up to experience. Next time I'll just skip the middle step and immediately hand my keys to a male friend.

What radio station?

By BRIAN LAFANTAISIE
Staff Writer

I don't know if you've heard lately, but something just isn't right in our school.

Bad vibes have been heard through our halls, but there's no face to put with it.

Everyone has heard these vibes at one time or another, but people are just too unsure to say anything about it. But now I'm going to say something; it's our school radio station.

I knew you would cringe.

I haven't been able to figure this radio station out. I know the young aspiring DJs are doing their best, but let's face it, they're no Brother Bill or Lee Carter. However, they may go on to a successful career in radio broadcasting such as one Niagara College graduate, Kristy Knight, at HTZ-FM in St. Catharines, who, by the way, isn't my favorite DJ.

Furthermore, I haven't heard any evidence that shows a specific format or programming has been considered at the college radio station. "We actually have a radio station?" said Liz Brown, a first- year journalism student when asked about the station.

In the time period of 15 minutes, the station played Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Lost Dakotas, Rush, and Bon Jovi. Not your perfect mix.

Of course, the DJs want to play the music they enjoy, that's expected, but some consideration must also be given to the listener.

A more controlled approach would be perhaps more accepted by the audience. Set hours for rock, pop, alternative, soul, blues, jazz and rap would be the logical approach, and would make things less confusing.

Overall, we're lucky to have a radio station, even if the majority of people don't know the programming hours or that we even have a radio station.

The next time you're in the halls, give a listen and find out if you like what you hear. My guess is you won't.

October Women's History Month

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

The milestones of Canadian women are commemorated by Women's History Month in October.

It was only 63 years ago this month that women were legally declared "persons" in the British North American Act. Credited are five prominent Alberta women known as "the Alberta Five," who petitioned the Supreme Court of Canada and challenged the definition of their gender as "non-persons." This turning point paved the way for Cairine Wilson — Canada's first women senator in 1931.

While it may be a small step backwards today to recognize the achievements of women as the "first women to...," it is necessary to remember why we

were the first women because of the oppression we endured. And we have to remember the sad truths to change the attitudes of the oppressors today.

For too long, women struggled for educational and political rights. It was only in 1875 that the first woman graduated from a Canadian university. The first women to lead a political party (the Quebec CCF) was Therese Casgrain in 1951. And the history of these and many more women opened the door for Jeanne Sauve, Canada's first governor-general in 1984.

The women's associations that have emerged over the years, sadly guffawed by opponents, will be recognized this month for their endless struggle for equality. The number of working women has risen so that females now make up more than 44 per cent of the workforce. However, women still don't equal the pay given to the average male worker.

So, let us not forget that October should not be the only month Canada recognizes the accomplishments of women — but that we demand to be treated equally every day of the year.

Here's to the women who made history — and here's to the women who helped the rest of us "persons!"

Fort Erie to get campus?

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

It's too early yet to consider building a new campus in Greater Fort Erie, says a Niagara College official.

The College Campus Steering Committee, a group of Fort Erie business people, politicians and service club volunteers, has proposed the construction of a campus but have yet to meet with college officials.

"The concept of a campus in Fort Erie at this point is premature," said George Repar, director of Niagara College's Joint Ventures.

"The Master Plan calls for consolidation as opposed to developing new campuses," he said. "The college is moving toward consolidating the smaller campuses into three major ones — St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls."

The committee completed a report in August outlining selected Niagara College courses which would be offered at temporary locations. The courses would suit Greater Fort Erie's businesses such as law enforcement, immigration, custom brokerage and aerospace.

"We are looking at developing skilled labor to attract business," said Glenn Walker, Fort Erie's economic development officer.

Niagara students must decide where to vote

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Full-time students attending Niagara College can decide where they want to vote for the Oct. 26 federal referendum.

During the school year, many students do not reside in their home riding and can be enumerated in the riding where they will be living on referendum day. They can also vote by proxy in the riding where they live outside of school.

To get their names on the voters' list, students must contact an Elections Canada office in their riding before Oct. 19.

The office for the Welland-St. Catharines-Thorold riding is at 967 Niagara St. N. in Welland. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Anyone with questions can call 734-9470.

If students want to vote in their home riding, they can pick up a proxy form at any the Elections Canada offices.

The school registrar must authorize the proxy and then the student must give the form to a friend or family member in the same riding they've chosen.

Advance polls will be set up Oct. 22 and 23 at Hennepin Hall, Welland campus, for anyone unable to vote Oct. 26.

On Oct. 26, a polling station will be located at the college cafeteria for those in this polling area, said June McNall, returning officer for the Welland-St. Catharines-Thorold riding.

There are 59 polling stations in the riding and about 65, 000 eligible voters, she said.

McNall's responsibilities includes "making sure everyone on the list meets the qualifications to vote."

Voters must be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and a resident in the riding.

"Everyone enlisted gets the opportunity to vote," she said.

McNall is also in charge of making sure the process of enumeration runs smoothly. She has to train the enumerators, deputy returning officers and poll clerks. She has one assistant, Andrew Sloan.

"We've just finished training 350 enumerators," she said.

People chosen to be enumerators, deputy returning officers and poll clerks are chosen by the riding's political party in power. The Liberal party and the Conservative party submit names. If not enough names are submitted than the third party give names.

"I'm the only one in the riding who does not have a vote, unless there is a tie," McNall said.

Elections Canada is the non-partisan agency responsible for the conduct of the federal referendum.

June McNall, returning officer for the Welland-St. Catharines -Thorold riding, is pointing to a map of the district.
Photo by Sheri Goodman

Adventures in enumerating

By KIM WALTER
Staff Writer

The enumerators are coming! Last Friday enumerators began gathering information for the Oct. 26 referendum. They were gathering information until last Tuesday, when all names, addresses and worksheets were handed in to the federal elections office.

Comment

In addition to my reporter's hat I am also an enumerator. The job holds out for a lot of walking, writing and explaining. At an initial information session, I was told enumerators should expect a lot of unhappy people voicing their opinions at the door. I figured this was an overstatement of the truth. It was, in actuality, an understatement. If people were not confused, they were upset and some were down right rude. Several people refused to be enumerated; they believed this was a way of agreeing with the government.

By way of explanation, enumeration is simply a listing to enable any Canadian citizen to exercise the right to vote. It does not mean you agree or disagree with the government.

The referendum is a heated, controversial issue. If someone did come to your door with a bright yellow button on, I am sure you discovered that it took only minutes. Enumerators were there to log the information and your name will remain on file for all federal elections or upcoming issues. Enumerators were not allowed to voice their opinion so you were assured a quick departure. They are people, like anyone else, trying to do a job to earn extra money.

Niagara advised to vote yes

By BRIAN LAFANTAISIE
Staff Writer

The Charlottetown Accord is "good" for Canada says Progressive Conservative MP Ken Atkinson of St. Catharines, who supports the yes side in the Oct. 26 referendum vote.

During the speech before Niagara College students at the Wellandvale Road campus in St. Catharines on Tuesday, Atkinson praised the benefits of voting yes in the referendum.

Among the three main areas covered in the Charlottetown Accord are aboriginal self-government, preventing alienation of western and Maritime provinces, and bringing Quebec into the constitutional fold.

"There will be many ongoing First Ministers' meetings, but the three basic problems are solved," said Atkinson.

Discusions on a new constitution began Aug. 28, 1990 after the failure of the Meech Lake Accord which attempted to bring Quebec into the constitutional fold.

Atkinson said the Charlottetown Accord "will give natives self-government in accordance with the Constitution Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

It will also prevent alienation of Maritime and western provinces by giving equal representation of senators, he said.

Six senators for each province will be elected and hold the same term as in the House of Commons. These six senators will have the power to delay bills and will vote jointly on these bills with the House of Commons.

If the accord is voted in, Quebec will be recognized as a distinct society with at least three of the nine Supreme Court judges coming from Quebec.

"We have gone that extra mile for Quebec; this is it," said Atkinson when asked what happens if the unity deal fails.

Many people are unsure of what the Accord includes.

"I can't make up my mind on how to vote," said Justin Wood, a Niagara College Manufacturing Mechanical Engineering Technology student.

Other people feel the Accord is Canada's last hope for a unified country.

"Our country was made together, I think we should stay together," said Dennis Villancourt, a Niagara College student.

When former prime minister Pierre Trudeau brought the amended constitution home in 1982 without the signature of the Quebec premier, Quebec failed to be patriated into the new constitution.

The Charlottetown Accord is attempting to bring Quebec and Canadian aboriginal peoples into the constitutional fold.

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Petition challenges Young Offenders Act

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

A petition calling for changes in the Young Offenders Act is being circulated at the Welland campus of Niagara College.

The petition drive is being organized at the college by Grace Brochu, a first-year Educational Resources and Special Needs program student, and Dale Deloughery, a second-year Human Relations program student. Both are friends of the families of two local victims of a shooting incident this August in Toronto.

Carrie-Lynn Pinard, 18, a model from Welland, was killed by a shotgun blast that came through her locked apartment door. Her roommate, Cheryl Racine, 20, a student at Niagara College for three years, was left blind in one eye by the same shot and required reconstructive facial surgery.

A 17-year-old youth, charged in the incident, is in jail and two others, one of whom is under 18, are out on bail.

"I'm doing this to support the Pinards and the Racines in their efforts to get changes made to the Young Offenders Act," Brochu said.

Deloughery said he wanted to, "bring awareness to everybody," about this issue.

Among the changes the petition asks for are the release of the names of young people convicted of dangerous offences, longer sentences for young offenders, and mandatory psychiatric treatment for them.

Under the current law, Deloughery said, "(young offenders) don't have to go for psychiatric evaluation if they don't want to."

Copies of the petition will be posted on bulletin boards on campus until Oct. 30. After that, it will be given to Bob Pinard, Carrie-Lynn's father, and it will eventually be presented to federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell sometime before the next national election, Brochu said.

She added that Racine has, "been in contact with a lot of people who've got (similar) petitions going," and hopes to form a coalition with them to fight for the changes he wants.

Cat got your calendar?

Tom-Cat Calendars sponsored a draw at Niagara College's bookstore. Barb Miller, bookstore employee, (left) presents the prize to first-year nursing student Seguin "Ziggy" Krueger.
Photo by Duncan Warrener

College on track to balance budget

Niagara 'fiscally solid': Saso

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

Niagara College is a "fiscally solid institution," said college president John Saso.

Despite a 1991/92 budget deficit of $928,000, and an accumulated debt of $2.3 million, "the college will work very aggresively to meet the 1996 target of both a balanced budget and a zero debt," he said.

Saso said the college is being asked to handle increases in enrolment while not receiving additional money from the province.

The provincial government is asking the college "to absorb some of the cost of increased enrolment for three years before being reimbursed. But this will mean increased revenue in the future," he said.

This cost absorbtion in 1992/93 for long term gain has fallen on the shoulders of the staff and students, he said.

"I am very proud to be the president of Niagara College when I see how the staff and students have responded to substantial increases in the demand for services."

"Although I am not surprised with the performance. The graduates and employeers portray the school in glowing terms," he said.

The college has an operating budget of $47 million, also about $50 million in assets and inventory, "a cash flow always ahead of debt and provisions for short-term borrowing," he said.

New York, Ontario agree:

Tourism needs co-operation

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

"We must look across our borders. We don't want to compete with Niagara Falls, N.Y. We want to work together to help each other's businesses," said Murray Johnston, director of Team Niagara Tourism.

That was the theme of a symposium held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Ont. last Sunday.

The purpose of this symposium was to examine the tourism patterns and problems as they exist in the region. Suggestions and recommendations were welcomed on how to promote opportunities and remove barriers to cross-border tourism in both directions. Mutual dependency between Niagara Falls, Ont. and Niagara Falls, N.Y. was the major conference theme. Many different tourism industry operators, industry suppliers, educators and representatives from industry associations and government were present.

"Jobs are being lost and companies are moving but we have Niagara Falls. It's there and if marketed right we will all benefit," said Regional Chairman Brian Merrett.

Students from Brock University, Niagara College and Niagara University offered suggestions to the panel, which included Johnston, Merrett, Amy Bignucolo, president of Niagara Falls Canada Visitor and Convention Bureau, and David Davies, director of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

The conference was organized by Dr. Jan van Harssel, an instructor at Niagara University. Also present was Robert Blanchard, director of the Tourism and Hospitality program at Niagara University.

"What we're doing here is bringing the two together to better understand the barriers between the two in tourism," said van Harssel.

It was agreed that because of the recession the two communities "must work closely together since tourism is not a dollar business but a hospitality business," said Johnston.

Problems discussed were bridge congestion, poor signage, construction, price versus value of the dollar, lack of information, the added taxes in Canada and trying to get return visits.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Duo releases album

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Texas, home of the Dallas and Houston football teams, oil wells, millionaires and Skrew.

Skrew, an industrial-edged metal band, recently released their third album, entitled Burning in Water, Drowning in Flame.

The album was well-received by critics.

Although the band has only two members — Adam Grossman and Danny Lohner — other artists assisted in recording the album.

"We did the album in Chicago," said Grossman, in a recent telephone interview from Austin, Texas, where he is living. "There were a lot of things going on at the time.

"Ministry (another band) was recording their album at the same time we were recording our album. They worked between 24 and 36 hours then they called us, and we worked between 24 and 36 hours. Somebody was always in the studio.

"We'd be doing a song and Ministry guitarist Mike Scaccia would be there hinting to play a song and then we asked him and he helped us," said Grossman. "Alien Jourgensen played on a song, as did Jim Marcus of Die Warzau and Phil Owen of the Skate Nigs. It was a real positive fun atmosphere. Our egos didn't get in the way."

Playing with only two members would be difficult and boring visually, so Skrew performs live with seven members, including three guitarists, a keyboardist, two drummers and a bass player.

"We need these many people to get the sound as close as possible to the sound on the record," said Grossman.

Performing with two drummers presented no particular problems for Skrew. "Luckily it came very easy," he said. "We just found the right people. Everybody was really into it and worked very hard. We played five or six shows with this lineup and it just got better each time."

Skrew plays industrial music similar to Ministry and Skinny Puppy. Both these bands use visuals during their live performances, but Grossman doesn't believe similar visuals "fit" Skrew at this time.

"Right now what we're doing is working with a very minimal light set up and using a lot of fog. I did a lot of performance art in college using video monitors, screens and I kind of want to stay away from that right now for two reasons," Grossman said. "I want the music to be the main focus of what we're doing and I'm not into competing with Skinny Puppy."

On the song Once Alive there is some sampling from the movie Jacob's Ladder, a movie Adam said he liked although it didn't receive many good reviews.

"We went through Jacob's Ladder quite heavily. When it was over I definitely had an emotional reaction to it," Adam said. "I didn't break out and cry or anything like that, but it definitely made me feel something. I took a lot of stuff because initially ... the scene when Danny Allieo is working on the guy's back and the things he was saying. I thought man, that's God talking. It's real powerful stuff."

The second Lollapolooza Festival toured North America this summer and when it came to Austin, Texas, Skrew got the chance to play on the second stage. The stage was smaller compared to the main one and was used for one local act, that being Skrew, plus other smaller bands that toured with the festival.

The group's albums are available in Welland and other area stores.

Doug Davidson visited the Seaway Mall in Welland Sept. 27 as part of a promotional tour. Davidson plays private investigator Paul Williams on the daytime television soap opera The Young and the Restless.

Photo by Mary Lemieux

Y&R star plays numerous roles

By MARY LEMIEUX
Staff Writer

More than 3,000 fans gathered at the Seaway Mall Sept. 27 to catch a glimpse of Doug Davidson who plays Paul Williams on the television soap opera The Young and the Restless.

Davidson, 47, who has been playing the role of the sexy private investigator since 1978, smiled at cameras and answered questions during his two-hour visit to the Welland mall.

Although he's had the same job for the past 14 years, he has no plans of leaving in the near future, he said.

"I will only leave the show if The Young and the Restless ask me to."

One fan asked what he likes best about acting. He replied: "the creative process involved in it — to make something that's not necessarily natural become natural. It's hard, and young actors should find another profession," he joked.

Between working on The Young and the Restless and spending time with his wife and two children, Davidson is a busy man. Still he finds time to support the Los Angeles YMCA's Outreach Program and a centre for unwed teenage mothers. He also just completed the movie Don't Stop Now which should be released in February.

In his spare time, the soap star enjoys running, working out and socializing with good friend Rick Springfield, a fellow actor and musician.

"We (my wife and I) spend a lot of time with other people who have kids because the people who are *single or married and don't have* kids think we're boring," Davidson said.

Eric Henri, 23, a resident of St. Catharines, Ont., found the actor just the opposite. "I must admit I only came to bring my girlfriend. But he had a good sense of humor and went out of his way to be nice to people. I couldn't help but enjoy myself!"

Soap star draws large gathering to mall

By MARY LEMIEUX
Staff Writer

The Seaway Mall is as "nice" a mall as the Pen Centre, says Cheryl O'Neill, marketing director of the Seaway Mall in Welland.

"People think the Seaway Mall is still a small one. They don't realize it's as big as the Pen (Centre in St. Catharines) with a nice range of stores in it."

O'Neill gave her approval to bring soap opera star Doug Davidson to the mall in hopes of showing people the "importance" of the mall.

O'Neill said she hoped Davidson would attract new customers. "I'm hoping that people from other areas that necessarily wouldn't come to the mall, come, see what a nice clean mall it is, and come back."

More than 7,000 people including staff were at the mall that day "with about 3,000 of them there to see Doug Davidson," she said.

O'Neill said, "He is approachable and very, very personable."

Davidson, who plays private investigator Paul Williams on the daytime television soap The Young and the Restless, made his appearance at the mall Sept. 27. The visit was sponsored by the Seaway Mall, Global Television and Schweppes, a soft drink company, and organized by Celebrity Events, a promotional tour company from Toronto.

Davidson is not the only television celebrity to visit the Seaway Mall. Eric Braeden, also a star of The Young and the Restless, was there almost two years ago. In the past two years, two sports celebrities have made appearances as well.

O'Neill said she hopes to have someone else visit in the spring, although she's not sure who it will be. "I'll have to see what Celebrity Events says," she said.

Berketo resigns from SAC "not worth the headache"

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Steve Berketo, vice-president social affairs, has resigned his post on Niagara College's Student Administrative Council.

Berketo, 22, a Radio and Television Broadcasting student, gave his resignation to SAC liaison Lou DiMattio verbally Oct. 5.

"There's a lot of work to do over there, I wasn't having very much fun doing it, and for the amount of work you have to do, it's not worth the honorarium and it's not worth the headache," said Berketo.

Each SAC member receives a $220 honorarium every month for being on council.

Berketo said he wishes everyone else on SAC the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Meanwhile, DiMattio said she will discuss SAC's options at the next council meeting. She said she will suggest that other members try to pick up the slack, if they have the time.

"If they stay cohesive and as a group, they could all fill the position."

However, DiMattio said a byelection could be an option SAC might have to consider.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Chingachgook (Russell Means, far left) and Uncas (Eric Schweig, second from left) are the adoptive father and brother of Hawkeye the frontiersman (Daniel Day-Lews, third from left) in Michael Mann's epic romantic adventure The Last of the Mohicans.

Photo special to Niagara News by Frank Connor

The Last of The Mohicans an untamed epic adventure

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

The Last of the Mohicans is an epic adventure tied into a forbidden romance set during the time of war between the British and French in an untamed, savage, paradise called New York.

It is a combination of the novel and the 1936 screenplay by Phillip Dune. The movie, directed by Micheal Mann, producer of television's Miami Vice, is a retelling of the original story written by James Fenimore Cooper.

Movie-goers will enjoy this movie but be disappointed by the lack of plot coherence.

Daniel Day-Lewis, Oscar-winner for his role in the 1989 movie My Left Foot, is the character Hawkeye, a frontiersman and adopted son of the Mohican, Chingachgook. Russel Means, who plays Chingachgook, is an American Native activist in real life. Hawkeye's love interest in the movie is Cora Munro, a British general's daughter, played by Madeline Stowe.

British officers escorting General Munro's two daughters, Cora and Alice, played by Jodhi May, to Fort Henry are intercepted by a Huron war party allied to the French. Unknown to them, their guide Magua, played by Wes Studi, a Huron Indian, arranged the ambush of the escorting party in order to seek vengence on General Munro. Hawkeye, Chingachgook, and brother Uncas, played by Eric Shweig, rescue the two daughters and Major Heyward, played by Steve Waddington.

Half of the plot is lying on the editing floor

Half of the plot in this movie seems to be lying on the editing floor. Because of the terrific detail and length of the movie, many of the characters' parts, such as Chingachgook, seem to be cut out of the film even though the movie is still 2 1/2 hours long. For instance, Alice, the sister of Cora and Uncas, brother of Hawkeye, might have had a romance in the movie but it is unclear to the audience until the end. The plot coherence is dreadful.

The major set location of note is the Fort Henry structure with its breathtaking forest scenes. The 400-foot by 300-foot design of Fort Henry was located at North Carolina's Lake James. The real life structure contributes to the movie's detail.

Mann set out in this movie to show the differences among many Native Americans during that time instead of the stereotypical Native American found in many movies. The Native Americans throughout the movie had various clothes, attitudes, tattoos, and hairstyles which genuinely displayed the variety among the tribes at that time; a history lesson for some.

The movie's violence is a little much but the battle scenes at Fort Henry are delivered admirably with full historical effect.

Day-Lewis delivers Hawkeye's purity of heart and honor with a great performance.

A jumble of events confused the audience into asking the question: What was the main theme? Was it the romance between Hawkeye and Cora, maybe the fall of Fort Henry, or was it the plight of the American Native in the 1700s?

Despite its flaws the movie has some tear-wrenching parts and genuinely good acting along with eye-catching scenery. The movie is recommended to those who take advantage of the Tuesday night reduced price.

Psychological thriller has audience gasping

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

Fear and paranoia together create a sense of losing control. Imagination runs wild. Every creak is amplified. Every noise makes you jump. Peter Colley played on that theme when he wrote I'll Be Back Before Midnight. Not only did characters jump, the audience did as well.

This is a show that takes first impressions, twists them around and leaves you questioning your own judgment. In a press release Colley said, "Very little in life is really as it seems," and the four characters in this play reinforce this.

Blyth Festival stopped at Brock Centre for the Arts, in St. Catharines, to kick-off the 1992-93 season. The actors played to a full house on Tuesday Sept. 29 and were a success if the audience reaction is a good indicator. If you enjoy psychological thrillers, this show is for you. For first time theater goers, it's a great introduction to the theatre experience and is well done in all aspects.

A young couple, Greg and Jan, move from the city to a very isolated farmhouse. Greg is an archaeologist. Jan is recovering from a nervous breakdown. They are a believable couple, wanting to rebuild their life together. Jan seems a little paranoid, but understandably so; Greg is the attentive husband.

A neighbor, George, arrives and welcomes them; he is also their landlord, an eccentric farmer who is very likable and is the comic relief. He enjoys telling ghost stories.

When Greg's executive-type sister Laura arrives, character changes become apparent. Jan becomes more paranoid and mentally unstable, Greg withdraws into himself and routine. George remains constant.

As the show continues, the plot thickens. In one hysterical instant Laura is shot and Jan holds her husband at bay with a double-barreled shotgun. Ending Act 1 in tableaux form, the audience sees a panic-striken Greg, arms in the air, staring at his wife,

As Act 2 unfolds, the audience glimpses subtle changes in the characters. Greg becomes evasive and is frequently departing. Jan is completely falling apart. George remains constant, but seems to be slipping in the "happy conversation"area.

A completely unexpected ending had the audience screaming and gasping in fright. The voice of Laura calling Jan, Laura's body hanging in the foyer, the blackout, the storm and the intruder kept the audience on the edge.

This show was a psychological character study more than a technical production. The intent was to play with the minds of the audience. This was accomplished effectively by the simple costuming and realistic set. The fear and the creation of suspense was heightened by the use of music and lighting.

Mood was set by the eerie music heard in the background through almost the entire show. It was effective in continuing to build the suspense through both acts. Backlighting, through windows and doors, created the illusion of night and day, as well as, a whole house, not just the livingroom.

Blyth Festival commissioned and premiered I'll Be Back Before Midnight in 1979 and brought it back as part of their 1992 season. The show is on a brief five-week tour of Southwestern Ontario and then moves northward. The production will be in Sault Ste. Marie by mid-October. For more information call the Blyth Festival Box Office at 416- 523-9300.

Laurel Paetz, Deborah Drakeford and Oliver Dennis in Blyth Festival's 1992 production of I'll Be Back Before Midnight by Peter Colley.

Photo by James Hocking, special to Niagara News.

Oktoberfest tickets available

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

There will be lots of Zicke Zacke Zicke Zacke Hoi! Hoi! Hoi! at this year's Oktoberfest in Kitchener/Waterloo Oct. 15.

In Touch Entertainment Services, a Niagara Regional organization, has planned a Student Night to celebrate Oktoberfest. The $25 ticket price includes return bus transportation to Kitchener-Waterloo, an entry to Twist "N" Hausen, and an Oktoberfest mug.

"It's a social experience you've got to experience," said Jim Diodati Jr., owner-operator of California Dance Bar in St. Catharines.

Students going will see an authentic oom pah pah band perform on a rooftop patio of Twist "N" Hausen with a DJ and videos between sets. A casino will be set up with blackjack tables and crown and anchor wheels. Bavarian food will be sold.

The bus leaves at 7 p.m. from California Dance Bar, 185 Bunting Rd., St. Catharines. If enough people from the Welland area sign up, a bus will be arranged to pick them up at the college, said Diodati.

For more information or tickets call Tim (416) 295-6196 or Jim (416) 358-6023.

Walk for AIDS awareness raises $12,000

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

About 200 people throughout the Niagara Region met at Montebello Park in St. Catharines last Sunday for the second annual "From All Walks of Life" fund-raiser to help collect money for AIDS awareness.

The AIDS Committee of Niagara raised more than $12,000 on a 10-km pledged walk for AIDS care and education. From All Walks of Life has become a major AIDS fund-raising event across Canada.

More than 1,000 pledge sheets were distributed around the community. There was a large group from Denis Morris High School, Ridley College, and Lakeport High School.

"It seemed like a good thing to do," said Brad Shaughnessey, 15, a student from Denis Morris High School.

The community was "very open to the idea" of AIDS research funding, said Odette Yazbeck of Welland, who raised $245 for the event. "It's such an important cause and there's not enough being done," she said.

Three palliative parties, Greater Niagara General Hospital, Hotel Dieu Hospital, and St. Catharines General Hospital, were walk partners. They were chosen because "they have hands-on experience with AIDS," said Joan Blanchard, director of public awareness/fund-raising for the AIDS Committee of Niagara.

The walk began at Montebello Park, continued down Ontario Street to St. Paul Street, to Eastchester, to Bunting Road, to Welland Avenue, to Ontario Street and back to Montebello Park, with refreshment stations provided by McDonalds on Welland Avenue, and the Crazy Coconut on Bunting Road.

Last year's fund-raising event raised $10,000 with just under 100 participants.

The AIDS Committee of Niagara was "pleased with the turnout." The main reason for the event was to raise money so the organization can meet the growing needs of AIDS related cases in Niagara and to increase public awareness. "The economic situation is why we want to raise money," she said.

AIDS Committee of Niagara will benefit from the proceeds of this year's Designer Showcase in hopes that it will draw public attention to the impact of HIV/AIDS.

Twelve designers will display 15 home environments at 31 South Dr. in the Glendale area of St. Catharines. The designers took part in the walk for AIDS to show their support.

Six centres will be participating in AIDS Awareness across the province this week. Other activities included the AIDS Vigil on Sunday, Oct. 4 at St. George's Church, St. Catharines. People gathered at 7 p.m. to celebrate the lives of those who died of AIDS and those who are living with the disease. A free seminar was given at Niagara College last Tuesday on HIV/AIDS and Discrimination.

AIDS discrimination thrives on 'ignorance,' says speaker

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

As part of a campaign to better inform the public about the discrimination of individuals with AIDS, a seminar was held Tuesday in the Hamilton Room, sponsored by the AIDS Committee of Niagara and Niagara Regional Health Services department.

Entitled, "No more fear, no more ignorance," the seminar dealt with the issue of discrimination involving those with HIV/AIDS and the attitudes people have about the issue.

"A fighting theme for this year's AIDS Awarness Week," said Marjorie Bell, communications officer for the Canadian Human Rights Commission from Toronto.

The Human Rights Commission was the first agency to take complaints from HIV/AIDS positive people.

She spoke to the audience about the legal aspects of AIDS discrimination. "It is a violation to discriminate against people with AIDS," she said.

Complaints made to the Human Rights Commission are now classified under disability.

Mariea McNelis, a labor community services representative from the United Way, encouraged the audience to "develop an AIDS policy before you are faced with a crisis."

Society plays a major role in discrimination against individuals with HIV or AIDS, she said.

Homophobia - the fear of gays or being associated with gays; and AIDSphobia - fear of people with AIDS or fitting the steroetype of AIDS, still exists in society today.

Society's "negative assumptions" interprets AIDS as "a natural consequence for making a bad decision," said Linda Deatcher, support/education co-ordinator for the AIDS Committee of Niagara.

AIDS is no longer a gay world's disease, she said, citing statistics showing AIDS in the gay community decreasing, while AIDS in the heterosexual community on the rise.

"Society unfortunately looks at those with AIDS not as people, but as a disease," said Alan Spencer, AIDS program manager from the health services department in Niagara.

"AIDS discrimination thrives on ignorance," said Bell.

The main thing is to get involved and "educate ourselves," he said.

"Never in history has a disease had such an impact," said Linda Zavitz of the Regional Health Services, who helped organize the seminar.

It is not only a public health and medical crisis, but also a highly social and political epidemic, she said. "It is an epidemic based on fear and discrimination."

About 20 people attended the seminar.

Petition launched for more federal funding

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

The Canadian AIDS Society has launched a petition to urge members of Parliament to work for a major increase in funding for AIDS research and support programs.

All federal funding to fight AIDS runs out on March 31, 1993. Community AIDS volunteers will be going across Canada with petitions in support of more funding for AIDS.

Petition papers were located at the "From All Walks of Life" fund-raiser at Montebello Park in St. Catharines recently, where 200 people raised over $12,000 for AIDS care and education.

More than 3,000 Canadians have the HIV virus. Community groups have demand for support groups; current research and treatments are "inadequate," said a press release from the AIDS Committee of Niagara.

The petition is endorsed by the Canadian AIDS Society, the Canadian Association for HIV Research, the Canadian Hemophilia Society, and the Canadian Public Health Association.

REFERENDUM '92

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If you're a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age or older by October 26, you can vote in the federal referendum.
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War planes impressive in spectacular air show

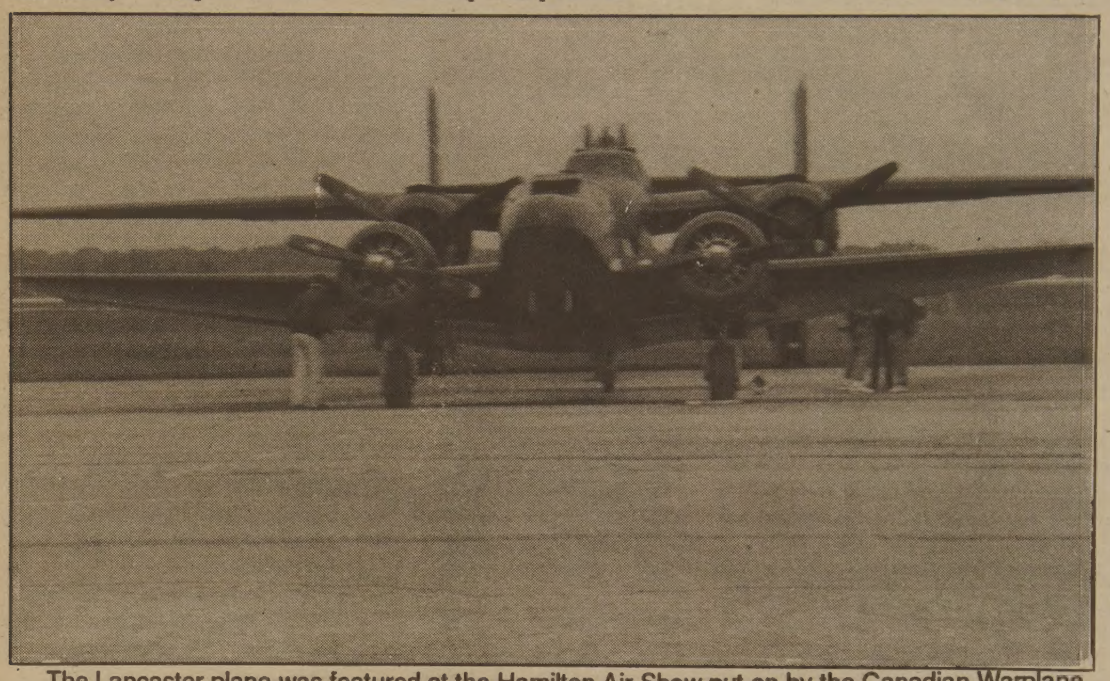
By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

The cool wind chilled about 500 people who had assembled to watch the Second World War era planes take flight at the Hamilton Airport Sept. 26. Amidst the smoke, sweet smell of cotton candy and the droning announcer telling anecdotes about the aircraft, came the sheer awe of the soaring airplanes.

"Get your candy floss — only one looney — keep the Lancaster flying," could be heard echoing out of Hangar #2 above the dull roar of engines. Cooking french fries sizzled nonstop as the sign above the truck declared "fresh cut fries only $2". Steam rose from the tiny window as people streamed forward to form a snakelike line. Hotdogs and hamburgers cooked beneath a pavilion-style tent didn't draw a large crowd but a few of the hungry munched while waiting for the popular deep fried potatoes.

'You can hear the symphony of power.'

One, then two engines roared to life coughing and spitting smoke. "You can hear the symphony of power," the announcer informed the crowd who appeared awed and somewhat nervous. Thick black smoke rolled past the runway toward the crowd. Crew members in bright orange coveralls stood by with industrial-sized fire extinguishers.



The Lancaster plane was featured at the Hamilton Air Show put on by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum Sept. 26.

Photo by Kim Morphew

The towering dark aircraft spewing smoke was the Lancaster. The announcer, detailing an anecdote about the plane, went on to explain why the aircraft was a memorial as well. The museum dedicated the Avro Lancaster in Andrew Charles Mynarski's memory for his bravery. After the plane went into flames Mynarski climbed to the rear turret to free the trapped tail gunner — unsuccessfully. The gunner waved him off but it was too late. Mynarski's parachute burned and did not open. The Lancaster then levelled out, crash landed and the tail gunner miraculously lived. Mynarski died. The Mynarski Memorial Lancaster still flies.

The low lying cloud cover prevented some scheduled planes like the Lancaster from flying. The grey horizon was broken only during the fly-bys. Bright yellow "Chipmunks" fractured the monochrome look of the day. The three played follow the leader in formation for the first part of the air show.

Children grasping pencils, balloons and activity books struggled to eat cotton candy before the condensation hanging in the air could clump the fluffy pink mass into one solid crystal. The weather threatened rain all day but held out until the crowd dispersed after the show, around 3:30 p.m. The advertised free parking area filled and spilled over onto a grass lot.

Proceeds from sales, tours and admissions went to support the museum. St. John's Ambulance personnel provided free emergency aid with a mobile first aid post. One minor injury was treated when a small girl fell on the slick tarmac and hurt herself.

The museum was founded as a non-profit organization in 1973. It is maintained through volunteer efforts and donations. There are over 35 aircraft as well as hundreds of aviation artifacts. The period during and after the Second World War is counted as one of the most important developmental times for aviation history. Manufacturing aircraft and aircrew training became notable in Canada during this period.

When the cold seeped a little too deeply the audience could wander into the hangar and watch the aviation fashion show with clothes from the aviation shop. Five classic cars were available to admire, static plane displays could be studied, and several support groups seeking members had applications ready.

After the show the spectators dispersed quickly to avoid the rain that began to fall.

'Line of life' shows off pro-lifers' dedication

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

"Abortion kills children" was the cry of thousands last Sunday.

People of various ages lined the streets of Niagara Falls, Ont. holding signs denouncing abortion. This was the second year the march against abortion has been held.

The organizer, Sindi Loforti, 34, 5892 Murray St., worked out of her Campaign Life Office, in Niagara Falls, arranging Sunday's march against abortion. The sponsor in Niagara Falls was Campaign Life and other regional groups such as Pro Life in Welland, and Right to Life in St. Catharines and Dunnville. The event was also held in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

"I believe we are the silent majority and this is the day the majority is coming out," said Loforti. "Behind every sign is another 100 people that believe the same thing, only they're too scared to come out and hold a sign."

The line of life stretched through much of Niagara Falls and joined at the Rainbow Bridge. About 14,000 people participated from the Niagara Region and New York State.

"So far we haven't had any pro choice activists come along and cause problems but they are sure to show up," said Loforti.

People pre-registered with their churches and others registered on the corner of Lundy's Lane and Drummond Road, in Niagara Falls.

"Last year there were 4,500 people who participated in Niagara Falls alone and we're expecting the same amount this year and people were not bused in from other cities," said Loforti.

Sunday drivers and tourists noticed the events and some also participated. People from out of town, for just a short time, stopped and requested signs to put in their back windows to express the belief that abortion kills children.

Conversationalists needed to help foreign students

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

Wanted: Conversation partners!

Niagara College's International Education department needs English-speaking volunteers to spend about one hour a week with a student, having lunch, shopping, bowling, any activity that "allows the students to get to know Canadian culture a little better," says Susan Vandenboom, English as a Second Language instructor.

There are 12 students, all new to Canada, from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Mexico and Switzerland waiting to be matched. Interested conversationalists can contact Vandenboom in portable 2 behind Hennepin Hall, Welland campus, extension 7507.

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Time is right to start Alumni Association

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

Niagara College has graduated more than 22,000 students since it opened in 1967.

"After 25 years the time is right for an alumni association," said Mary Anne Seppala, an alumni consultant.

The interest of former graduates in the formation of an association was reinforced by the attendance at the first meeting. More than 70 people attended.

"A very good turnout," said Larry Naftulin, a professional fundraiser hired by the Niagara College Foundation last year. Naftulin, along with raising money for the college, will be helping to build the association.

Currently, the only source of funds for the alumni association is a graduation fee charged to each student.

Attempts were made to create an alumni association in the 1970s and 1980s but the college was not ready.

"With maturity comes the desire to look back and share good times with other college graduates," Seppala said.

She said an alumni association needs structure, organization and support from college officials. I am very positive it will work this time because the college is behind the decision to form the association," she said. "The organization and structure is already in place."

At last week's meeting, graduates were asked to volunteer their time and services for various committees, including an executive, a social and a homecoming.

The first alumni association event is a homecoming weekend set for Oct. 24 with an open house at the college and a dinner/dance at the Rose Villa in Welland. Gifts donated to the association will be raffles at the open house and dance.

'Look back and share good times'

Along with social events the association is putting together a network of graduates.

"We have three pages, each five columns across of names and addresses and will probably be bumping it up to four pages," said Lyn Russo, the college's director of marketing and communications. She is also the chairman of the 25th anniversary committee.

"Networking is very important not only to keep in touch with old friends, but help in job searching as well," said Rick Alionis, a 1989 graduate of the Radio and Television Broadcasting program.

Alionis is employed by the Peel Regional Police and is looking forward to participating in the association. "I have never volunteered for anything before, but tonight I signed up to serve on the executive committee."

Joanna Zalewa, a 1976 Library Technician program graduate, is "excited" about the association. "I joined in the attempts at forming an alumni association before but it just fizzled out. I am hoping this time it will go," she said.

Newsletters, social events and establishing other chapters in the province is just the beginning. After the homecoming the new executive will assess the success of the various events.

"We just started sending out the information about the association and homecoming and we've already had more than 2,000 responses in just four weeks," said Seppala. "In my opinion, I believe thousands will show up."

Lewis telethon aired locally

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Another premeditated murder by Niagara College's media department may be in the works.

A murder mystery evening, that is.

The media department in cooperation with Maclean Hunter Cable TV, the Ramada Renaissance Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ont., and Murders Made to Measure presented the Jerry Lewis Telethon Murder Mystery Evening on Sept. 6.

The broadcast, live from the Ramada Renaissance Fallsview, aired on cable TV Channel 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"It was the first time in the Region that a segment of the Jerry Lewis Telethon, from the local viewpoint, was televised," said Keith Lindberg, media department manager.

And plans to make it an annual event are under way, Lindberg said.

"There's a possibility we may go on satellite and across the province for four hours next year," he said.

'Local viewpoint was televised'

The mystery evening, complete with dinner and prizes, attracted more than 100 participants at $75 a ticket. Home viewers were encouraged to pledge to muscular dystrophy research throughout the evening. Near the end of the telecast, viewers phoned in with their whodunit guess.

The winner, a St. Catharines woman, received an all expenses-paid weekend for two at the Ramada Renaissance Fallsview.

During the evening, pre-taped appearances of TV and sports celebrities were broadcast. Among those who asked for pledges were: TV's Alan Thicke, McGyver's Richard Dean Anderson and Doug Gilmour and Wendel Clark, both from the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Live entertainment was supplied by the Ed Pizzo Ensemble and singer/pianist Nicola Girard.

The production was produced and directed by Lindberg and hosted by Stu Black, co-ordinator of the Broadcasting-Radio, Televison and Film program. Staff, students and graduates of BRTVF worked as crew on the telecast.

Among them were: Glenn Heshka, floor director, Jerry Salfi, audio, Cathy Weir, script assistant, Ed Brown, technical director and Tom Pagonis, switcher.

Site available for fundraising

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

Donna Flutur, manager of After Hours, said she is prepared to assist students in organizing various fundraising events.

"I will go out of my way to help students find alternative facilities, as well as help with other arrangements," Flutur said.

The issue was raised when third-year Niagara College film students recently organized a fund-raising event at a Welland bar.

The film department held the fund raiser at the Temple Club in Welland because of incentives such as the free use of the pub and $50 worth of hotdogs and hamburgers, as well as the fact the film department got to keep the door admission, said Dave Navratil, a third-year student of the film program.

Also, "the department has held events at the Temple Club before, so that it was natural to hold the event there," said Tracy Bumstead, a third-year film student.

The film students found the After Hours cover charge of $150 plus $10.50 GST too expensive, "considering we were only charging $3 and expecting 75 people," Navratil said.

"It has not proven to be feasible for the centre to entertain small, private groups," Flutur said.

"We sympathize with her position completely. She has her own rules that she has to follow," Bumstead said.

Wine 'costs too high'

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Niagara's Grape and Wine Festival this year didn't do a very good job in promoting the wine breweries of the Niagara Region.

People throughout Niagara and the United States come to St. Catharines to take part in this festive celebration, and what do the organizers do, but put ridiculous prices on the one thing they are trying to promote.

If Niagara wine breweries want the public to recognize their fine wine, don't you think it makes good sense to reduce prices?

Costs were simply too high.

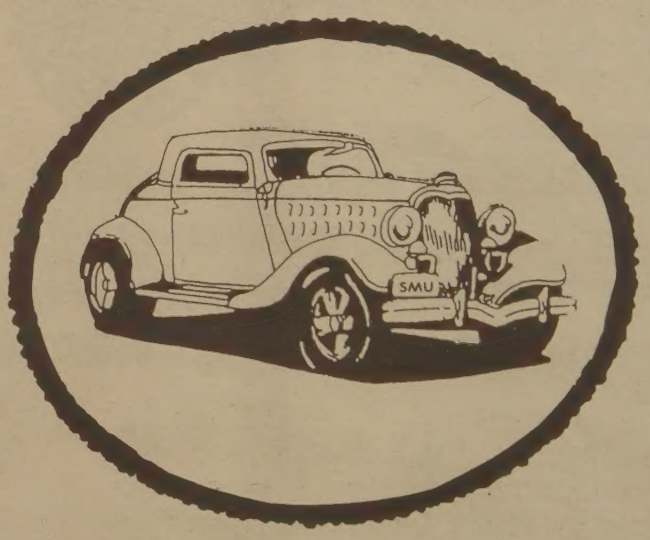
For example, it cost $2.50 for no more than a mouthful of wine at the tent at Montebello Park, in St. Catharines. For beer drinkers a beer cost $3.50.

Comment

Who in their right mind would pay $20 for a six-pack when the nearest beer store sells it for under half that price?

Bands, comedians and dancing — it was all there! *Unfortunately, I believe* the cost of alcohol drove the crowds away.

By lowering the prices, I believe wine breweries would have more to gain. Maybe once the organizers of the Grape and Wine Festival realize this, the celebration that the Niagara Region once knew will return!



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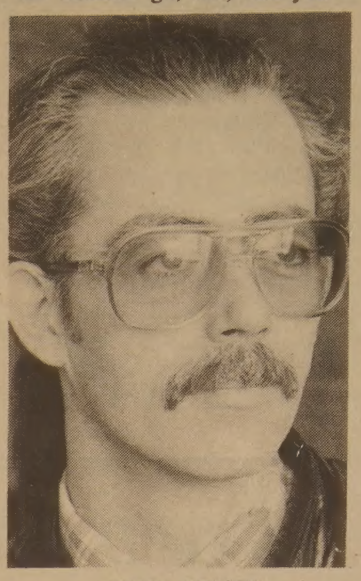
Student Governor wants to serve students

By CARL JONES
Student-Governor
Special to Niagara News

The Niagara College Board of Governors is a very important part of our college. The board's responsibilities are many. However, the prime responsibility lies in ensuring success for the students of today, and tomorrow.

The student-governor is responsible to bring the insight and the concerns of the student body to the board's attention. The second responsibility of the student-governor is to inform and share with the student body the why and how of decisions the board make which have a direct effect on them.

Greetings to all new students on campus, we're glad you're here! Welcome back to all returning students (where did the summer go, eh?) Are you ready to rock and roll? The next time you lift your head from the books, it will be Christmas. In fact, I should tell you now that one of the many benefits of your college experience will be that time passes at warp speed as you work through the mountains of assignments ahead. So, I thought I'd take this opportunity to chat with you now while you still have some free time.



CARL JONES

We are students at Niagara College during a changing and challenging time in its history. The demand for services is increasing while at the same time government and other funding sources are dwindling every year. The college now has a bigger and more diverse student population to serve with those shrinking resources. For many different reasons, large numbers of non-traditional students are coming to the college now. One result of this is that there are concerns and challenges in daily student life for both younger and more mature students whose needs are often different. Each group's concerns may be different, but both equally as important

As the student-governor it is my responsibility to understand and then to represent your concerns. In preparing for my term as governor, I have had an opportunity to hear from the administration and their goal is clear: student success is the prime directive. I believe that no matter what the problem is if the administration has some input from the students, positive action can and will happen.

A special mention to the non-traditional students on campus. Check out the Non-Traditional Students Association. The NTSA holds social events geared towards the non-traditional student, as well as offering support and information.

The student-governor is one avenue for having important matters addressed. But, it's up to you. You have to share the responsibility for your college experience by making your needs and concerns known. I want to serve you effectively during my term as student-governor. Our college has a lot to be proud of.

If you need my assistance, please drop a note off at the Educational Resources and Special Needs (ERSN) office, first floor, Simcoe building, or at the secretary to the President's office in Hennepin Hall, both at the Welland campus.

Macabre hayrides haunt Vineland

By MELANIE WORONCHAK
Staff Writer

Scarecrows, witches and headless horsemen were all encountered in the half-hour ride.

Haunted Hayrides in Vineland, Ont. on Martian Road, offer rides every night during October. Starting at 7 p.m., the rides leave every half hour depending on how busy they are, with the last ride leaving at 10:30 p.m.

Darrel Braniff, the driving force behind Haunted Hayrides, thought of the idea when he went through an orchard and found it "creepy."

"I've always liked haunted houses," said Braniff. So far he has been quite "satisfied" with business.

He has about 2,800 people booked in October and is averaging 200 calls a day. Braniff is optimistic he can book 15,000 this month.

Braniff wants to hold the "biggest Halloween bash this province has ever seen," on Oct. 31. There will be a pig roast and band. People must dress up on Halloween night with a prize for the best costume. There will also be a prize for an apple-bobbing contest. Tickets cost $15 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. The price includes a hayride.

Braniff has 25 employees portraying many famous horror movie characters. He hired two professional artists to help with designing and painting.

Sarah Churchill, 11, decided to take five of her friends on the ride as part of her birthday party. She said the ride was "awesome and scary."

Charlene Wheeldon, 20, enjoyed the chainsaw part the best. "It felt like they (the characters) were really going to cut off your feet."

Riders will encounter strobe lights, fog machines and silly string. After the ride, you will be treated to cookies and apple cider.

Oktoberfest sausage is available in hot or mild and sells for $2.50 while hot dogs cost $1.50.

For tickets or more information contact Haunted Hayrides at (416) 984-1561.

AIDS AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 5 - 11, 1992

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SPORTS

Hockey Knights approaching crunch time

By PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

Although no final decisions have been made, Niagara College Knights hockey coach Fred Bassi expects to have the team's roster trimmed to 13 forwards, seven defencemen, and three goaltenders in time for an exhibition tournament Oct. 16 and 17 in Haileybury, Ont.

"We expect to have quality goaltending this year," Bassi said. "We're working on getting the six best defencemen available, and we also want smart offensive players who can also be aggressive along the boards. We feel we have enough guys to ice a competitive team."

When the regular season begins, Bassi said he plans to rotate goaltenders for Fall term scheduled games. For Winter term he said he wants to stick with one goaltender and carry that approach into the playoffs.

The Knights, who are playing in the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association for the first time in 14 years, will have to adjust to a "more physical type of game," but, Bassi said "we will have to prepare these guys to be as good as they can. Our guys are really anxious to play for Niagara College."

The team's veterans include five forwards, one defenceman, and one goaltender. There is a player returning this year who played seven years ago. About 33 players practised with the team.

The OCAA rules this year include touch icing, where instead of letting the puck cross the goal line the defencemen must go back and touch the puck. Another different rule is the elimination of the centre red line. Players in the league must wear half-visors.

The other three colleges participating in the exhibition tournament in Haileybury include Conestoga College from Kitchener, Northern School of Mines from Haileybury, and Cambrian College from Sudbury.

After returning from Haileybury, the Knights will play an exhibition game against Seneca College in Toronto Oct. 22. The team's first regular-season game is Nov. 7. against Conestoga at Welland Arena at 8 p.m.

The Knights will play in the OCAA league's Costello Division against college teams from Conestoga, Seneca, Sir Sanford Fleming of Peterborough and Lindsay, Ont.

Rangers will prevail in June

By PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

After a season filled with controversy and turmoil — which included a strike by the players and the resignation of its president — fans across Canada and the United States are optimistic for a normal season as the National Hockey League begins this week.

The NHL's 76th season is filled with many changes, including the addition of two expansion teams, the Ottawa Senators and the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Several teams have legitimate shots at winning the Stanley Cup. Here are my predictions.

In the Adams Division, I like the Buffalo Sabres — the class of the division. The Sabres have a high-powered offence led by players such as Pat LaFontaine, Dale Hawerchuk, and Alexander Mogilny.

The New York Rangers will finish at the top of the Patrick Division, the most competitive division in the league. The Rangers have exceptional talent in Mark Messier, Brian Leetch, Mike Gartner, Adam Graves, and Tony Amonte.

In the Norris Division, I think the Detroit Red Wings will run away with first place. They have outstanding players led by Steve Yzerman and Sergei Fedorov, both of them potential 50-goal scorers.

The Vancouver Canucks will take the Smythe Division. The Canucks are also led by potential 50-goal scorers in Trevor Linden and Pavel Bure.

Here's my prediction to win the Stanley Cup. The finals will see the New York Rangers playing the Vancouver Canucks. I believe the Rangers will win.

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NHL takes a step backward

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

Who is the National Hockey League trying to fool?

First the league vows to make the game safer for players by levying stricter high-sticking penalties. Now it has turned around and abandoned its rule for mandatory helmets.

Makes sense, right? Not!

When the NHL finally made helmets mandatory a few years back, the decision was warmly accepted by players and fans. The rule stated anyone who entered the league after the 1979-80 season must wear a helmet. Only a select few such as Brad Marsh, Rod Langway, and Craig MacTavish were allowed on the frozen ponds with their melons unprotected.

Since the rule change, high-sticking infractions have slowly increased. The main reason is the fact the younger players up from the junior leagues are not familiar with keeping their sticks down. The young players have always been wearing helmets and have no respect for another player's well-being.

A high profile star like Wayne Gretzky hasn't helped the situation by suggesting that he may go hatless this season. Gretzky is a role model for thousands of youngsters who are playing the game at the minor hockey level, and for him to even suggest such a thing is irresponsible and just plain stupid. Besides, I think he has enough worries of his own.

The problem starts at the minor hockey level where youngsters have no control over their sticks and whack each other over the head for good luck. This behavior follows them throughout their hockey careers and makes the adjustment difficult when they get to the pro ranks. The NHL should be holding seminars for the younger players to teach them how to control their sticks.

The NHL must get rid of its goon-league image but allowing players to go helmetless will not help that situation. It's time the league came out of the dark ages and stepped into the modern world of technology. Helmets are a major piece of equipment for a hockey player and it's hoped most players will choose to leave it on. But just the fact that they have the option to take their helmets off is worth worrying about and must be eliminated. This new found freedom is definitely a step backward.

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Manon Rheaume

'Ticket selling' attempt

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Well, it's finally happened. A woman has made her debut in the National Hockey League. Wouldn't you think that feminists everywhere would be trumpeting this news as a great victory?

I, for one, am not.

When first I heard that Manon Rheaume had played 17 minutes of a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League game last year, I was more than slightly impressed. Even though she didn't exactly have an all-star showing in that game, I couldn't help but think of the types of barriers she had overcome in order to even get a position on the team. We've all heard stories of young women fighting to "play with the boys."

Now, 20-year-old Manon has made history by playing one period with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Not a bad period of play either, only allowing two goals on nine shots. However, considering the level of defence in front of her, one has to wonder just how practical her presence is on the team.

I have to wonder if she is not just serving a ticket-selling purpose for the Lightning. Let's face it, an NHL expansion team in Florida is somewhat analogous to an outdoor ice cream vendor in Yellowknife in January. It just doesn't seem to make sense.

Who could blame Lightning general manager Phil Esposito for making whatever attempts possible to sell more tickets, even in the pre-season? Starting a new business, even one connected with the tried-and-true NHL, in this economic climate is going to make for some tough slugging.

I agree that if Manon is able to play hockey on an everyday basis, she is liable to become a better hockey player. This will be a benefit to her. But, there is a very fine line between a mutually beneficial, symbiotic relationship, and the exploitation of one of the two parties.

Be careful, Manon. You're treading on unknown ground. These are powerful people.

The Niagara College golf team travels to Peterborough for the college championship. Members from left are Mark Cottringer, Pat Preston, Scott Dickson, Ray Morin and coach Peter Rylander.
Photo by Rick Kinzel

Niagara College golf

Team prepares for championship

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara College golf team got ready for the college championships by competing in an exhibition tournament two weeks ago in Oshawa.

The college team finished sixth in the tournament by shooting a team total of 350 at Lakeridge Links. The team took six members to Oshawa but will reduce the squad to four for the championships.

Ray Morin, Pat Preston, Mark Cottinger and Scott Dickson will represent the college in Peterborough at the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association championships, which began Wednesday and concluded today.

Brock Horton of Sheridan College, in Oakville, shot 75 winning the low individual score. Jeff Smith of Fanshawe, in London, Ont., and Reece Keeler of Sir Sandford Fleming, in Peterborough, Ont., were second and third respectively.

Golf coach Peter Rylander said it is hard to tell how the team will do in Peterborough but figures the favorite team is Sir Sandford Fleming "because they are playing on a familiar course," the Kawartha Golf and Country Club in Peterborough. Fanshawe will also be tough to beat, he said.

Ban pitchers from MVP

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

The argument has raged for more than 50 years. Should pitchers be eligible to win baseball's Most Valuable Player Award?

In a word — No!

Everyday position players cannot win the Cy Young Award (for best pitcher), so why should pitchers, who don't play every game, be allowed to win an MVP award.

Maybe there should be two awards. One for the player with the best offensive statistics and one for the player voted most valuable to his team. The award for best hitter could be named the Babe Ruth or the Ted Williams award.

This year, Dennis Eckersley of the Oakland Athletics could be the third reliever in the past 11 years to win both the Cy Young and the MVP in the American League.

Since the sportswriters vote for these awards, perhaps they need to decide once and for all who gets the MVP Award — the most valuable player to his team or the player with the best numbers?

Eckersley himself said pitchers should not win the award, but I don't think the sportswriters will listen to him.

We hope the MVP Award will go to someone who is having an all around great year like Kirby Puckett or Frank Thomas. Leave the pitching award for pitchers and the MVP award for everyday stars.

College student Walter Zutell returned from playing soccer at Paralympic Games in Spain

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

"Amazing."

That's the word Walter Zutell uses to describe his experience as a member of the U.S. soccer team at the recent Paralympic Games for the physically disabled held in Barcelona, Spain.

Zutell, a first-year business administration student, played fullback and goalkeeper for the team, which finished last in a field of eight. Like the other athletes from around the world at the event, he stayed in the same Olympic village that housed athletes during the regular Olympics held earlier this summer.

"Just to be there, in the Olympic village, representing your country, it was just amazing," Zutell said. He is an American citizen who lives in Canada.

The U.S. team played three matches during the Games, losing to Brazil, Great Britain, and Holland, the eventual gold medal winners. Of the Dutch team, Zutell said, "They only beat us 5-0." It was the smallest margin of victory for the Dutch team in the entire soccer event.

In that game, Zutell played goal because the team's regular goalkeeper was injured. Team members suffered several injuries during the Games, something that Zutell attributes to the fact that the team played its games on artificial turf.

"They watered it down, so it was very hard to play on," he said. "You jam your ankle into the turf, and it just doesn't give."

Zutell made the team after participating in two training camps, one held in Dallas in June and the other in July at Ball State University in Indiana. He was one of 11 players selected for the team, which played with seven men on the field at a time, as per Paralympic rules.

As for Barcelona, Zutell said he, "got to see some of it," but he spent more of his leisure time at the discos and pubs located on the grounds of the Olympic village. He plans to return to the city next summer to experience more of it, especially the nightlife. "I was stuck with a one o'clock curfew, and they don't start partying over there until after one," he said.

Asked what he thought about the media coverage the Paralympics received, Zutell said the Games did get more attention than the previous one in Seoul in 1988, but he feels that because the athletes are competing in most of the same events as those in the able-bodied Olympics, "the Paralympics are just as worthy of attention."

Football excursion planned

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The National Football League's season is well under way. If you want to experience going to a game, now you have the chance. The Student Administrative Council is sponsoring a bus excursion to see the Buffalo Bills play the Denver Broncos at Rich Stadium Dec. 12.

Tickets cost $58 a person, which includes bus transportation. There are a limited number of tickets available. Anyone interested should contact SAC before the end of today.

Players required

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's varsity volleyball team needs a few more players to round out the squad.

The team, which finished with two silver and one bronze medal in the last three years, is looking for four more players. Coach Ray Sarkis said players should "have experience playing senior volleyball in high school." Anyone interested should attend practices which are held Mondays and Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the gym, Mackenzie building, Welland campus.

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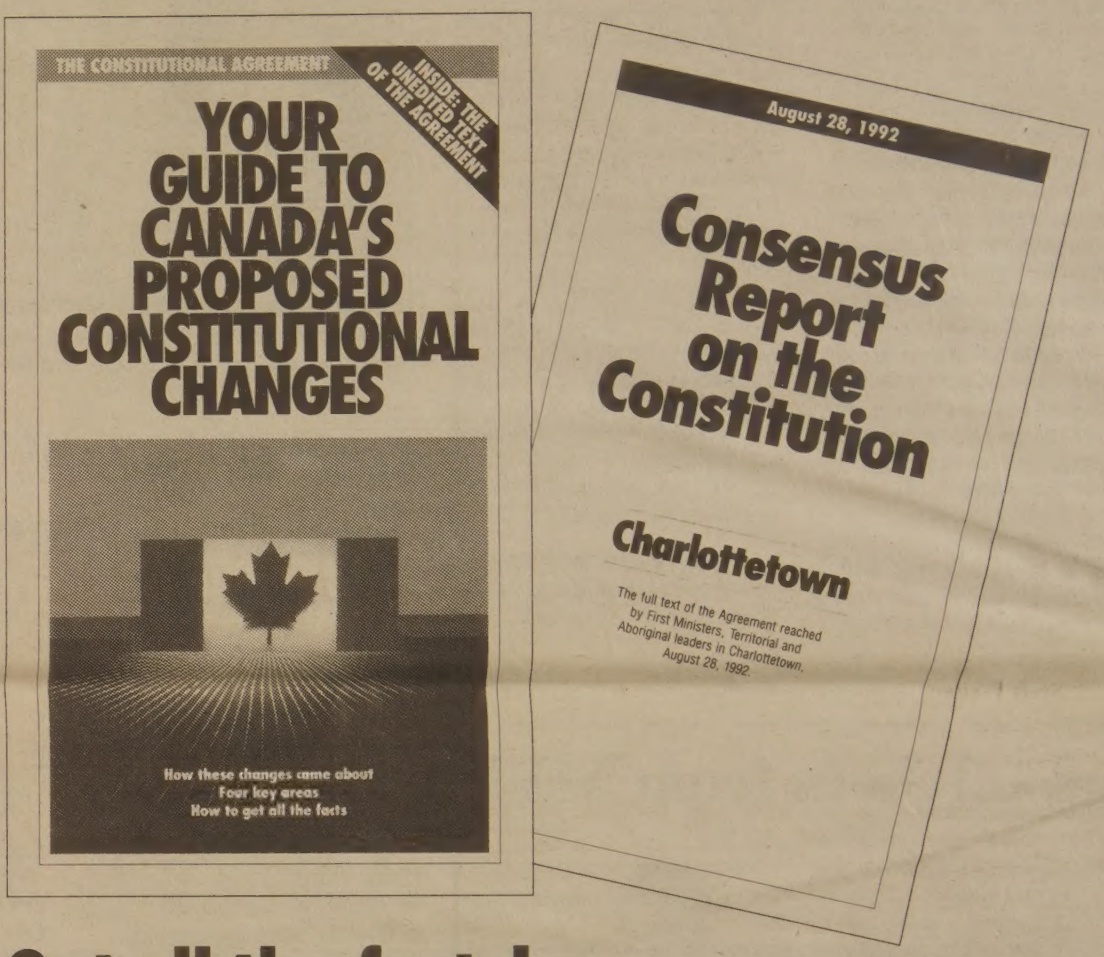
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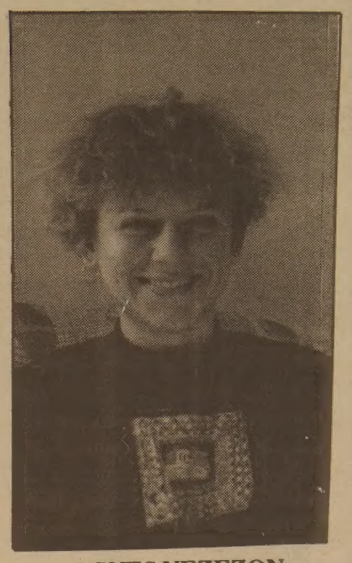
NIAGARA SPEAKS

Question: With the upcoming referendum, do you feel Quebec could be receiving too much?

LOUISE KING

First-year fashion arts student Louise King said, "I think it's stupid how there has been nothing in the news. I think bilingualism is good but-yeah-I think the French are asking for too much and that most Canadians are getting tired of listening to it. They don't have to know English but we have to know French."



AGNES NEZEZON

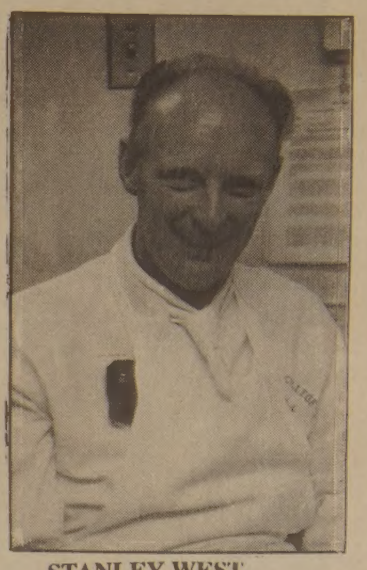
"I just don't like the French people's attitude about not speaking English. They should be glad there are two languages to learn," said Agnes Nezezon, 26, a first-year nursing student at the Mack Centre.

JOE SULLIVAN

Joe Sullivan, a first-year tourism student, said, "I just don't like it; I think it stinks. It isn't fair. If Quebec doesn't like it they should go and get their own country."

CORINE MYKYTIUK

Corine Mykytiuk, 29, a first-year nursing student at the Mack Centre said, "I believe that Natives should be given more land right claims and to aid the government in this decision they should give them the province of Quebec."



STANLEY WEST

"I think I would like to see the document before I sign it. I would like to know more about the referendum. I wish they would finish with it and resolve it. I would like to see Quebec stay with Canada," said Stanley West, co-ordinator of the Culinary programs at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

Niagara Speaks is written from the files of Karen Kranjac and Kim Morphew.

International students elect committee

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

An association for international students was formed on October 3, 1992 following an organizational meeting convened in the Hennepin Hall. Thirty-three international students from Niagara College attended the meeting during which an executive committee was also elected.

The meeting drew student participants from South Korea, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Malawi, Somalia, Yemen, Haiti, El Salvador, Libya, Vietnam, China, India, Ethiopia, Taiwan and Ghana. It also drew staff support from the International Students Advisor, Hugo Bessems, and Susan Vandenboom and Carolyn Ambrose, both lecturers of English as a Second Language.

The program of activities for the meeting included introductory remarks by Dag Tesfaye, a student from Ethiopia, during which the establishment of the International Students Association was unanimously endorsed as a landmark initiative. The meeting then elected an executive committee for the following offices: president and vice president; coordinators of sports, entertainment, public relations, secretary and treasurer.

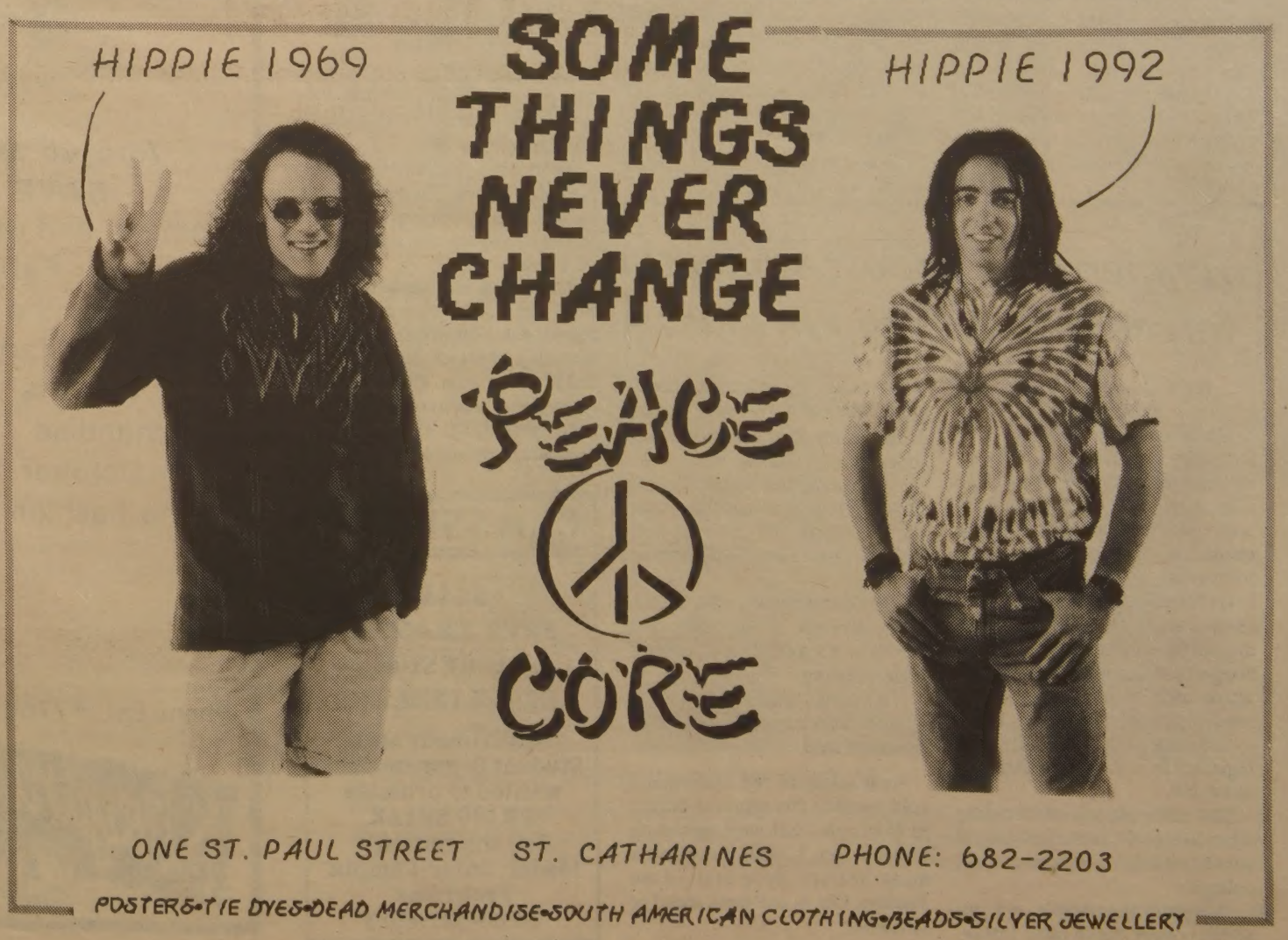
Dag Tesfaye: new president

Dag Tesfaye, 24, from Ethiopia and initiator of the meeting was elected president. Tesfaye is in the second-year business sales program. The vice presidency went to Carlos Alfaro, 23, from El Salvador, who is in the second-year construction engineering program. Nicky Gumirato, 20, from Italy, was elected secretary. She is in the general college program majoring in English and computer studies. The office of sports coordinator went to Kallol Chakraborty, 22, from India, who is in the second-year Computer Engineering and Technology (CET) program. Stacy Bai, 29, from China was elected public relations co-ordinator. She is in the second-year fashion merchandising/visual promotion program. Amy Chen, 20, from Taiwan was elected treasurer. She is in the general college program majoring in English as a Second Language. Sam Mutahar, 23, from Yemen and in the third-year Business Studies program was elected co-ordinator of entertainment.

The executive committee met on Wednesday, Oct. 7, to discuss, among other issues, the involvement of international students from Niagara Falls and St. Catharines campuses. The committee also agreed to hold an international students night on Oct. 30 when the new association will be introduced to the the college community.

According to Bessems, there are 47 international students at Niagara College who are identified as "those students who hold Canadian study authorization visas." Membership in the International Students Association is, however, open to everybody including Canadian students.

Bessems said that this is the first time he is aware of such an association of international students being formally established.



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Home Team members from Niagara College are, from left to right, Florence MacDonanld, Bernard Baril, Lynn Russo, Brian Moukperian, and George Repar.

Photo by Melanie Woronchak

College joins Home Team Project

By MELANIE WORONCHAK
Staff Writer

Niagara College, with seven other community groups, has begun construction work on a house training 16 people receiving social assistance or unemployment insurance benefits to make them more employable in the construction industry.

The Home Team Project is a community partnership providing people in the Port Colborne/Wainfleet area with the skills needed to design and build the house.

Canada Employment Centre of Port Colborne/Wainfleet has identified multi-skilled construction training as a labor market need in the community, said Brian Moukperian, director of Technical Skills Training at the college. "The college can meet the community needs in this project," he said.

The 16 people attended a 12-week pre-employment training program at Port Colborne High School where they learned architectural drafting, mechanical drafting, technical math, life skills, computer skills, literacy, woodworking and bricklaying.

In phase one of the training, the Niagara South Board of Education is providing on-site practical application of the theory taught in the 12-week course.

In phase two, the college will provide theoretical and practical application of skills to ensure participants will earn up to three college credits and two apprenticeship units.

The group is now working on site with the co-operation of the eight community partners to complete the home, which will be sold when finished. The house is located on Highway 3 just west of Port Colborne in Wainfleet.

The eight agencies involved include Niagara College, the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development, Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Corporation, Niagara South Board of Education, Port Colborne and District Labor Council, Port Colborne-Wainfleet Community Futures/Lock 8 Community Development (Non-Profit) Corporation and the Township of Wainfleet.

New college logo devised

By NICK PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Board of Governors will approve the winner of the college's Logo Search Contest on Oct. 10.

There was a "surprisingly enthusiastic response," with 107 logo entries, said Lyn Russo, director of the marketing and communications department.

The choice was made by a six-member committee including Russo, Ken Cosgrove, Uta Haley, Veronica Merwitz, Barry Sharpe and Kit Thompson. The winner will be presented with a commemorative plaque and $1,000. The logo will be unveiled in the next month.

Temperature drops; students forced to bundle up in class

By SAM ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

While some students found it necessary to blow into their hands to warm them enough to operate a computer keyboard, others were seen wandering the halls, their teeth chattering, desperately searching for warmth.

On Monday, Oct. 5, with the high temperature outside hovering around 50 degrees, students inside Niagara College were seen wearing attire such as layered clothing, heavy sweaters and winter jackets — clothing which normally isn't unpacked from moth balls until later in the fall.

The difficult job of deciding when to turn the boilers on and off occurs each fall and spring at the college.

"It's general principle, not just at this college but in other institutions, to turn the boilers on shortly after Thanksgiving," said Patrick Jamieson, Physical Resources director at Niagara College.

"If we turn the boilers on too early it gets too hot...and the cycling on and off is not good. It puts mechanical and thermal stresses on them."

"We do sympathize with the students. We know it's uncomfortable. We know it's cold. We ask for some understanding."

"It's hard to predict when we're going to snap out of this cold spell," Jamieson said.

As a result of the abnormally cold weather this year, the boilers in Hennepin Hall were turned on Monday, Oct. 5, while the college's main boilers were started on Tuesday, Oct. 6, one week ahead of schedule.

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By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

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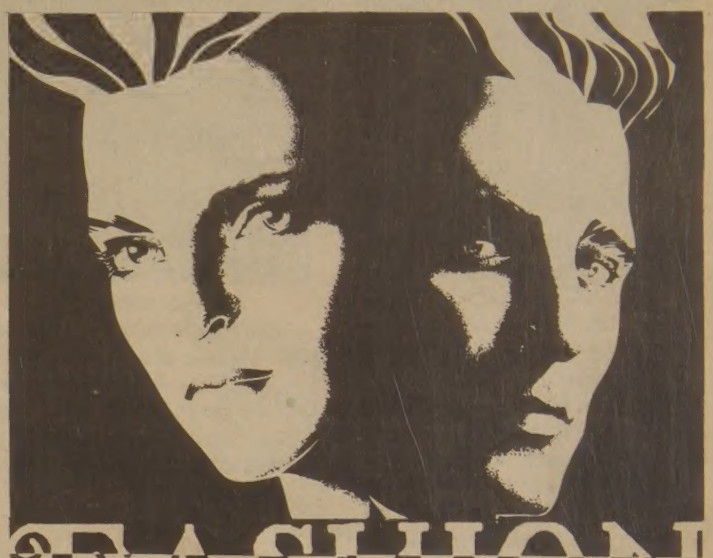
For more information, call Canada World Youth's Ontario office in Toronto at (416) 922-0776, or fax (416) 922-3721.



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Niagara College

Tecumseh Foyer
Welland Campus

Second-year Fashion Arts program students held a bake sale outside the library last week to raise money for a trip to New York City. Pictured on the right are Lori Duneli, Julie Fediuk, Amy Tillmanns and Cheryl Tims.

Photo by Troy Clarke

Fashion bake sale 'a huge success'

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

A bake sale to raise money for a Fashion Merchandising/Visual Promotion program trip to New York City was "a huge success raising $175," said Cheryl Tims, a second-year student in the program and organizer of the bake sale.

The bake sale, held in the Tecumseh lobby Sept. 29, included such foods as butter tarts, rice crispy squares, chocolate cake, carrot cake, chocolate chip muffins, strawberry cheesecake squares, chocolate cheesecake muffins, as well as various types of cookies.

The sale is part of a larger fund drive, which will include the raffling of tickets for a ceramic figure and a painting made by one of the students in the program, as well as another bake sale.

The money is needed "because the trip is really expensive," said Tammy Irvine, another second-year student in the program. "There's no way we can hope to pay for the trip on our own. The money raised will be used to cover parts of the plane fare and the hotel fee."

The New York City trip is planned for Dec. 5, 6 and 7, and is to be used to see trade shows and visual displays.

"I'm really looking forward to the trip, and I hope we raise enough money so everyone can go," Irvine said.

"Everybody helped to make the desserts. I didn't think it would go over so well," Tims said.

"I'm glad it went over so well, I hope no one gets sick," joked Amy Tillmans, a second-year student of the program.

Custodians

They do a lot of work

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

It's a lot of work, but someone has to do it all year, five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It's the job of a custodian at Niagara College.

There are five custodians at the Welland campus, including one each at the Hennepin and the Student Administrative Council buildings, the Tecumseh and Voyageur buildings, the Simcoe building, the Lundy and Merritt buildings and the Black Walnut and Mackenzie buildings.

Their duties include unlocking rooms, taking the garbage out, keeping outside doorways free of snow, keeping bathroom supplies stocked, cleaning windows, picking up the garbage in the hallways and doing minor repairs.

In the summer, they do many repairs, clean out lockers, garden around the college and take their vacation. Students looking for summer work apply as early as September for jobs such as handymen and grasscutters, said Linda Maidens, the college's building operations supervisor.

"In September (when school starts) those extra bodies are gone," said Maidens referring to the shortage of staff.

There are no custodians at the three Futures offices, the Foster Wheeler building in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Cushman Road building in St. Catharines or the Horticultural building in St. Catharines.

When one of the custodians gets sick, Maidens said she must "divide the staff to take a portion of his work."

"If anything goes wrong I get the calls," Maidens said. One of the custodians at the Welland campus must go to fix a light bulb or refill toilet paper, she said.

"Every place is in financial hardships and everybody has to pitch in," she said citing the example of putting garbage in the recycling bins. The recycling company won't take it and someone has to clean it out. Maidens herself cleaned out a bin that someone had thrown garbage into. "Most students are alright but some don't care."

"I hope and I think that there are more young people who care than what appears to be," she said.

With less provincial funding and more government cutbacks, "we have to go on what we've got and make the best of it," she said.

Maidens has worked here two years and is in charge of such items as security, cleaning staff, snow removal, chemical waste disposal, garbage removal, recycling and fire equipment.

"I change hats constantly and it can be quite stressful," she said.

College given money for jobs

By DARIUS SOKAL
Staff Writer

Niagara College has been chosen as the regional matchmaker in a $1.1-billion government program with a goal to create 90,000 new jobs in Ontario within the next three years.

The Niagara Region is expected to benefit from the creation of 2,000 new jobs and up to $16 million being injected into the economy.

The Onario Training Fund involves "the specific training of unemployed persons" for positions open in the region, says Bea Clark, the college's Director of Skills Development.

The college will take requests from businesses for specifically trained employees, then choose and train a suitable unemployed person for that position.

If the college is unable to properly train the person, an agency or corporation will be selected to fulfil the requirements, said Clark.

For each new person employed through the program, businesses will receive $10,000 from the provincial government, half of which is to be spent on further training of that employee. There is no limit to the number of people a company may hire through the program.

Clark said over 600 applications have been filled out and returned to the college by qualified parties, such as welfare recipients or people whose unemployment insurance benefits have expired, along with 100 from potential employers.

Clark will interview the applicants and begin matching them to suitable registered employers.

The program is open to employers in all areas of business, including health care, manufacturing, sales and service.

The first successful graduates of the Ontario Training Fund are expected to enter the work force "in three to four weeks," said Clark.

The program is welcome news in the region, where the economy is suffering and unemployment is high.

Although the program is funded by the provincial government, its effectiveness depends on the desire of enterprises to hire new employees.

Anyone interested should call the Niagara College Skills Development office at (416) 641-2252 for further information.

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These ladies have eyes for detail

From left, Hans van der Slagt, Niagara College's vice-president administration, and Joe Pettipas, vice-president of the Interior Design Association of Ontario, congratulate Betsy Bos, Leanne Newton and Stacy McGrath, first-year interior design students, winners of the architectural detail scavenger hunt.

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